

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in California

Monterey Peninsula Committee

Minutes of Board Meeting September 5, 2024

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisors, met in person at Ryan Ranch, Monterey, CA. Present were: Cyd Crampton, Margie Martin, Susan Clark, Shannon Kirby, June McBride, Ruth Donohugh, and Marcia Harrington.

Cyd called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. We recited the Pledge. Roll call was taken.

Minutes from the June 6, 2024, were not submitted, due to the recent resignation of the Recording Secretary.

Cyd asked for each Chair to give their report:

Vice Chairman: Mary Potter was absent.

September 20, 2024: Presidio of Monterey Tour Invitations going out.

December 8, 2024: Holiday Luncheon confirmed at the Mission Inn.

March 20, 2025: Annual Meeting at Woody's, Del Mesa, Carmel Valley confirmed. A \$100 Honorarium for the Guest Speaker approved.

Treasurer's Report: June McBride Email submitted, no discussion.

New Business:

Discussion on how to replace Board Members. Suggested we look into "OTTER", a voice activated recording system.

General discussion on how to do the Corresponding Secretary duties such as maintaining the mailing list, sending thank yous, sympathy, and get-well cards. Can the duties be divided?

Can email be used more effectively to reach members? Cyd will contact Connie Stone, San Diego Committee on what they do. Cathy Watson on the State Board does computer updates.

Was concern about who can enter idames, the State and National database.

Was questioned whether Laura used a program and what for the mail invites?

Patriotic Services: Susan Clark reported on the Congressional Essay Contest. Topic was the following: “Explain whether existing defamation and libel laws are or are not sufficient to prohibit baseless AI generated and distributed content”.

There were only 2 entries throughout the state. One of the entries was from Stevenson School. Latest results were from 2019, and only 3 students went to Washington D.C.

Lyceum History Day: This year’s theme is “Rights and Responsibilities in History”.

Member volunteered to help send out letters this fall.

The general solicitation letter will go out the end of September.

March 8, 2025 Lyceum History Day.

Membership Report: Marcia Harrington

Marcia reported, we stand at 62 Members with 13 Legacy, and 2 deaths.

Announcements:

September 19, 2024: The Northern California Dames will meet at the Franciscan Club, San Francisco.

December 15, 2024: The Octagon House Holiday Party, is 1-5 p.m. Bring sweets or savories.

Spring 2026: We should look into the Monterey Beach Hotel for the Spring 2026 California Town Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon Kirby and Cathy Lee