

**The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California
Monterey Peninsula Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting
January 10, 2025**

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisors met in person at the office of Cyd Crampton. Present were Cyd Crampton, Susan Clark, Marcia Harrington, Mary Potter, June McBride, Marguerite Meyer, Margie Martin, Alicia White, Elizabeth Barratt, Shannon Kirby, Ruth Donohugh, and special guest Lupin.

The Meeting was called to order. The Pledge was recited and attendance was taken.

Minutes from the September meeting were discussed. The minutes were approved unanimously and will be posted on the Monterey Peninsula Committee website by the webmaster.

Board Member Reports:

Vice Chairman: Mary Potter reported that the February Presidents's Day Tea Invitation has been completed, and there was discussion regarding the use of a microphone and speaker. Mary Potter will be using a microphone and speaker set in her possession for cost cutting measures. The menu selections were reviewed for the upcoming March Annual Meeting that will be held at Woody's at Del Mesa Restaurant. A discussion about price and choices resulted in the decision to have only one vegetarian choice and dessert. The price was set to be \$45. The meeting time as well as the social time allotted was discussed. It was brought to the attention of the Board that everyone should be aware to watch the service, timing and how the food was presented due to Woody's Restaurant being considered as the place for the state annual meeting in 2026.

(The Presidents Day Tea will be held at the home of Beverly Lannquist Hamilton, 5485 Quail Meadows Drive, Carmel; 11:30am-2:00pm. Invitations will be sent by Jan 25.)

Treasurer: June McBride reported that there was a balance of \$23,249 in the bank account as of December 31, 2024. The Patriotic Fund had \$3,238 which includes donations of \$2285. As of December 31, the Administrative Fund had a balance of \$20,011. The complete treasurer's report was filed.

Recording Secretary: Alicia White was introduced as the new Recording Secretary. The title was changed during New Business to Acting Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Barratt was introduced as the new Corresponding Secretary. The title was changed during New Business to Acting Corresponding Secretary.

Patriotic Services: Susan Clark reported that Colonial Dames' participation in Wreaths Across America was very successful this past year. The goal was 100 sponsored wreaths and 111 were actually sponsored. Last year 95 wreaths were sponsored. The total amount of \$555 will be donated to the Veterans Transition Center.

Lyceum History Day will be held on March 15, 2025 at Los Arboles Middle School. Last year there were nine judges representing Colonial Dames. Susan Clark is very hopeful that there will be at least that many judges this year. Breakfast is usually served to the volunteer Judges. Joyce Breckenridge, the executive director, is always so grateful for The Colonial Dames support. Particularly, since we show up when we say we will! This year's topic is "Rights and Responsibilities in History."

The Grant Committee will meet to consider two applications that have been received. This committee is composed of the following women: Susan Clark, Cyd Crampton, Margie Martin, June McBride, Shannon Kirby and Diana Thelander. The applications that will be considered are from Monterey County Historical Society and Lyceum History Day. There was a discussion of what exactly the funds would be used for at the Monterey County Historical Society. Currently there is \$3,238 to be disbursed. A motion was made to move additional funds in the amount of \$2,000 from the Administration Fund to the Patriotic Fund by Margie Martin and was seconded by Mary Potter. The motion passed.

Membership: Marcia Harrington reported that she will email to each board member the current roster list. The current membership is now 71 members. Marcia thanked Cyd Crampton for the 10 chairman welcome letters that were sent. Many of those letters were sent to new legacy members. Legacy members include daughters, granddaughters, nieces, or sisters of current members. At the December meeting there were 3 new candidates. The average age of the membership is approximately 73, and there are quite a few legacy members among the list of proposed new candidates for membership. Estimated members living locally are 51 women.

Historian: Shannon Kirby brought a few notebooks with her and asked for guidance on how long to keep various records. There was a discussion about where records are kept and how many different records there are actually in the possession of different members.

Webmaster: Marguerite Meyer reported that she has posted 10 new members on the website but that not all have sent photos. Some of the new members are Legacy and had very lovely biographies. The June and September 2024 minutes are now posted on the website. There was discussion of how many years of minutes should be kept on the website. Minutes are to be kept for seven years as documentation of the organization.

New Business: The new Board positions of Recording Secretary Alicia White and Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Barratt were discussed. Both Alicia White and Elizabeth Barratt will be taking over their respective positions a few months early. It was determined that their positions will be considered Acting due to the fact that they have not yet been voted into office by the whole membership.

Marcia Harrington reported that she had approached Karyl Hall about her garden being used as the location of the Colonial Dames Summer Garden Tea. Her property is located in Carmel-by-the-Sea and is called Jollyhase. This property has hosted other tours. The name Jollyhase means "Happy Hare" in German. The proposed date is June 7th. The maximum number of guests would be 30.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Town Committee composed of Margie Martin, Chair; Marguerite Meyer, Jane McBride and Marcia Harrington met December 10, 2024. The Nominating Committee approved the following 2025-2026 Officers: Margie Martin, Chairman; Ruth Donohugh, Vice Chair; June McBride, Treasurer; Elizabeth Barratt, Corresponding Secretary; Alicia White, Recording Secretary. Each new proposed officer was confirmed by a member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommended that the Slate of Officers be approved. The nominated Slate of Officers will then go before the full membership at the Annual Meeting in March. A motion was made to approve the proposed Slate of Officers for the year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

For the upcoming year of 2025-2026 there will be the typical 5 General Meeting events: Summer Garden Tea event, (as mentioned by Marcia above in New Business), Fall Event, Holiday Luncheon, President's Tea in Feb 2026, finishing with March 2026 Annual Meeting. The Monterey Peninsula Committee will be responsible for hosting the April 2026 State Annual Meeting, which some Board members are already brainstorming for venues and speaker ideas.

The next Board of Officers Meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned by Cyd Crampton.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia White, Acting Recording Secretary.