

**The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California
Monterey Peninsula Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 6, 2025**

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisors met in person at the office of Cyd Crampton. Present were Cyd Crampton, Margie Martin, Cathy Lee, Shannon Kirby, Alicia White, Susan Clark, June McBride, and Marguerite Meyer by telephone.

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

Minutes from the January 2025 meeting were discussed. 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 invitations have been sent out for the Annual Meeting to be held at Woody's at Del Mesa on March 20, 2025. The Presidents Day Tea was held at the home of Beverly Lannquist Hamilton and attendance was excellent. Sweets and savories were provided by members.

Speaker Sherry Flumerfelt presented a program with slides on the history of the Western Flyer sardine boat, the iconic, recently restored fishing vessel immortalized in *The Log from the Sea of Cortez* by John Steinbeck.

The suggested donation of \$100 to the Western Flyer Foundation was refused. It could be that the Speaker may have thought it was paid to her personally. The donation will be sent again.

Treasurer: June McBride reported that the approved donations had been made to the appropriate organizations. As of February 28, there is an \$18,000 balance. The donations given were \$3,000 to Monterey County Historical Society; \$2,000 to Lyceum History Day, and \$500 to the Veterans Transition Center. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Recording Secretary: Alicia White reported that she is happy to show how Google Doc is being used for writing Minutes. Marguerite Meyer will be the only other Board member who will have editing privileges. Alicia and Cathy Lee met to transfer all Recording Secretary items to Alicia.

Patriotic Services: Susan Clark reported that thank you notes were received from Ruben Mendoza with Monterey County Historical Society, and from the Lyceum of Monterey County for our donation toward History Day. The Historical Society also confirmed that the donation of \$3,000 would be used as discussed for signage, including a QR code on the sign that would direct to the Dames California State website.

Lyceum History Day is scheduled on March 15, 2025. Due to a deficit of judges, judging at Los Arboles Middle School will be done online this year. Four Monterey Dames members will

participate. Joyce Breckenridge, executive director, is grateful for our Colonial Dames support. There was discussion about how to more fully support History Day to help ensure judging is in-person. It was suggested that Dames who have had previous experience judging could help membership understand exactly the requirements and time involved to be a judge.

Historian: Shannon Kirby stated that she had a few more items to review with Marguerite Meyer's help.

Webmaster: Marguerite Meyer reported that she has posted a recap and photos from the President's Day Tea. One new member photo and bio was added to the Meet Our New Member's page. She will add the January 2025 Board minutes to the website. Marguerite has been in touch with Rancho Cielo in Salinas about arranging our October Fall event with a tour of the campus followed by lunch, prepared and served by students of their Drummond Culinary Academy.

Membership: Cyd Crampton reported for Marcia Harrington. Current membership is 71 members. This includes 3 courtesy members, 12 new members including one transfer member. A prospective member should be approved by the next meeting. There are 19 Candidates. Membership report was filed.

Cathy Lee: Cathy gave a brief overview of the speaker for Monterey's Annual Meeting, Lawrence Harris, who she arranged to present his program on the Lewis & Clark expedition.

New Business: Margie Martin reported that a Committee has been formed for the planning of the April 21-22, 2026 State Annual Meeting consisting of the following: Elizabeth Barrett, Marcia Harrington, Ruth Donohugh, Cathy Lee, and Marilyn Riehl. Due to the variety and price of area hotels, Margie thinks it best that attendees be responsible for their own reservations. Tuesday, April 21 will consist of an afternoon tour by Elizabeth Barrett at St. John's Chapel, Monterey. She will also give a talk about her new history book about the Chapel. Evening dinner will be at Woody's Del Mesa, with hors d'oeuvres and drinks on the patio before dinner. Wednesday, April 22, the State Annual Meeting will be at either the Hilton Garden Inn or Corral De Tierra Country Club. Speaker will be Sherry Flumerfelt with the Western Flyer Association.

Margie mentioned that she is looking for places to hold upcoming Board Meetings. Suggestions are: Carmel Library, Panera Bread Company, and a community room at the Barnyard.

The Monterey Annual Meeting will be held March 20, 2025.

Cathy Lee brought a lovely small meal for everyone to enjoy after adjourning the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Cyd Crampton at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia White, Acting Recording Secretary.