

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California
Monterey Peninsula Committee – Minutes of Board Meeting
January 6, 2026

The Monterey Peninsula Committee January 6, 2026 Board Meeting was held at the home of Marcia Harrington. Present were Margie Martin, Elizabeth Barratt, Susan Clark, Marcia Harrington, Ruth Donohugh, Cathy Lee, Mary Potter, June McBride, Marguerite Meyer and Alicia White.

The Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. The Pledge was recited and attendance was taken.

Minutes from the November 18, 2025 Board Meeting were discussed. Minutes were approved as corrected and will be posted on the Monterey pages of the website by the webmaster.

Board Member Reports:

Chairman: Margie Martin thanked Ruth Donohugh for organizing a great day at Woody's for the Holiday Meeting. The food was wonderful and the event was well attended with 43 members. She reminded board members about Liz Lord's Celebration of Life to be held January 17 at Church in the Forest.

The Book that was given to former Chairman Cyd Crampton had been on order with California Colonial Dames was cancelled. It was determined that the book was so delayed, another gift will be chosen.

The American Heritage Award for Rancho Cielo will be given when the money has been received from the State.

Organization for the President's Day Tea is proceeding and will be held at St. John's Chapel. Several Board members will meet at the Chapel to make definitive plans. Leslie Pfeifer will be the speaker.

Tempe Javitz is the state coordinator for the nametag project. The Board decided on a \$10 fee and will send orders in groups to Tempe. The tags will be white and blue with the Colonial Dames logo. When the nametags arrive, Alicia White will handle distribution.

The State Annual Meeting will be held at the Coral de Tierra Country Club, with the invitations sent by February 25, 2026. The Monterey Committee hosts the State Annual this year.

National Colonial Dames will soon be sending an eBlast to all members with different State Societies highlighted each month.

Vice Chairman: Ruth Donohugh has secured the Pebble Beach Club for Monterey's Annual Meeting to be held March 26, 2026. The maximum attendance is 40 for the room that will be used. A discussion followed about the various menu options as well as pricing. The keynote speaker will be Ken Hess, along with his wife Connie, who is a new Monterey Dames member. The dates for the annual meeting invitation and follow up were discussed.

Ruth gave an update on her efforts for the State Annual Meeting. She has been collecting interesting items for the goody bags that will be given to each attendee. There was a discussion about what the pricing for the registration fee should be in order to cover the various expenses. All other planning is going smoothly.

Treasurer: June McBride reported that the bank balance as of December 31, 2025 was \$22,801. At the beginning of the year the balance was \$18,000 with revenue of \$1,950 from the State Allotment and donations to the Patriotic Fund of \$2,555. All other questions may be answered by reading her filed report.

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Barratt reported that she emailed invitations for the Holiday Luncheon. She has prepared and printed Membership Certificates as well as updated and maintained the current email list of members, candidates and prospectives.

Recording Secretary: Alicia White reported that she has been making Nametags and placecards for each of the Member Meetings and writing the minutes of each Board meeting. She served on the Nominating Committee for the Monterey Board 2026-2027.

Patriotic Services: Susan Clark sent solicitation letters and received \$2,555 in donations. Wreaths Across America will be held December 13, 2025 at the Veterans Cemetery. All Dames are invited to purchase wreaths for laying at soldier's graves and to attend the event.

This year there were 10 students who entered the Congressional Essay Contest in the State of California. This year's essay prompt was the following: "Describe the principles in the Declaration of Independence you believe are the most important in lifting the human condition and explain how they have helped this country meet evolving challenges over our 249 years."

Lyceum History Day is March 7, 2026. The theme is "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History". Susan asked for Board members to volunteer to judge, and is hoping for a good response.

Grant Applications were sent to Joyce Breckenridge, Lyceum of Monterey County and James Perry, Monterey Historical Society.

Membership: Marcia Harrington reported that there are 76 members, 17 candidates, and 6 prospective candidates. There have been 6 resignations since March 2025 and 1 Death (Liz Lord). During 2025 we gained 15 new members. There is currently 1 supplemental line pending. Marcia served on the Nominating Committee for the Monterey Board 2026-2027.

Historian: There is currently no Historian.

Webmaster & Advisor: Marguerite Meyer reported that she has updated the Monterey Committee's website pages with a re-cap of the latest events. She has added 5 *Newest Members* to the website. She assisted with first round proofing and editing of the Monterey Board minutes. She served on the Nominating Committee for the 2026-2027 Board.

New Business: The next Board meeting will be March 3, 2026.

Old Business:

The Nominating Committee has finished their job, all Board Members will be returning for another year.

The following dates of the Monterey Peninsula Committee are:

March 3, 2026	Board Meeting
March 26, 2026	Monterey Annual Meeting, Beach Club
April 21-22, 2026	State Annual Meeting

The meeting was adjourned by Margie at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia White, Recording Secretary