

PCA President's Report

Thursday, May 7, 2020

We miss meeting together but many PCA members are continuing working on some projects, thank you very much for your work. If you had a chance to read the GMPP comprehensive report that highlighted the accomplishments of the PCA GMPP Committee from 2014 - 2020. This report will be the basis for a Power Point Presentation to the Parks and Recreation Department in February 2020 to request financial support for future work in the city owned PMMP. The Arizona Humanities Grant had been approved and work is in progress and the Dar Grant status should be known soon.

Ten Memorial Markers have been ordered from Set in Stone - Zack Shumway and is being coordinated by Patty Gault and Ryan Vander Ark.

Ten Memorial bricks have arrived with another twenty Memorial bricks having been ordered recently from Polar Engraving for the Chinese Circle project which is being funded totally by the Chinese community. A draft of the Memorial Brick Program has been prepared based on the PCA Memorial Marker Policy that has been previously discussed with the Board in the past, which has been modified slightly from the original thoughts. The draft Policy will be sent out with the attachments for the upcoming meeting. Please review and we will approve in the future.

Thanks to Kim Kasper who has been driving by the Smurthwaite House regularly to check on her. The U.S. Mail is being picked up regularly once a week and weekly calls made to Tim B. to discuss a number of ongoing and new maintenance projects. Several PMMP light poles have been repaired so all the lights hopefully are working. We have asked for termite control for Woolridge and Min-Mobile (floor replacement), weed control, schedule of work crews to work at historic cemeteries, new PMMP Parking Lot - No Trespassing signs installed per Phoenix Police Department and status of the IGA suggestion from Margaret Fernandez etc.

These are just a few of our projects.

**Pioneers' Cemetery Association
Treasurer's Report – April 2020**

STARTING BALANCE April 1, 2020: \$26,091.54

ENDING BALANCE April 30, 2020: \$24,315.46

Living History Team Report – May 7, 2020 -- Donna Carr

Active Team members are: Donna Carr, Patty Gault, Val Wilson

- During April, nine more one-page biographies were added to the Biography Binder (or will be, when we have access to Smurthwaite House), bringing the total to 55, 22 of which are for women and children.
- Patty submitted bios for Mary Bassett, Mary Hackney, Edna Laziola and Alexander Petit. I wrote up Mary Mosier. The four additional short bios were done from biographical profiles already in our files.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Carr

Committee Reports, May 7, 2020

Membership – Lezlee Alexander

- Our membership numbers are unchanged. We remain at 85 members.

Communications – Lezlee Alexander, Debe Branning, & Patty Gault

- One email blast was sent in April thanking members and friends for their support, introducing the *Behind the Epitaph* blog, announcing the AZ Humanities grant, social media options, and the cancellation of the Memorial Day Remembrance.
- Professionally designed PCA rack cards and brochures have been printed and are ready for use thanks to the generous assistance of graphic designer Michael Swaine.
- PCA business card supply has been replenished.
- Supplies are low for the envelopes with the PCA return address printed. It was decided standard envelopes with homemade address labels would suffice for now.
- The website has been updated over the month.
- Facebook posts have been ongoing by Debe Branning and Patty Gault. Nine posts including a video about Willie Meade were shared during April, and we have 674 followers.
- Patty Gault has maintained the Instagram account. There have been 14 posts in the 2 months since its inception and includes 2 videos. There are 12 followers.
- Patty Gault and Lezlee Alexander respond and forward Yahoo email messages to the PCA team.
- Next newsletter submissions are due May 29, 2020 to Val Wilson.

Gift Shop – Lezlee Alexander

- There were no sales this month.

IT Committee – Lezlee Alexander & Patty Gault

- Backblaze cloud storage has been renewed for another year.

Antique Acquisitions, Donations and Smurthwaite House Interior

May 7, 2020

Piestewa Peak Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution have donated a \$300 gift card to Home Depot to buy paint and whatever is needed to paint the inside of Smurthwaite House. They are also donating two trees, one to be placed near the bench the Chapter donated two years ago and one along the Avenue of Flags for shade.

Judy Smith

5/4/2020

The PCA would like to thank the South Division very much for clearing the weeds at the PMMP throughout the cemetery. It was a lot of hard work in 100 degree temperature with only the east and south sections to complete. Any word on the IGA idea from Margaret Fernandez? If possible, the grass needs to be cut at the Smurthwaite House soon and is getting quite high. Have you been able to clear the weeds at Cementerio Lindo yet? I will be going to pick up the U.S. Mail for PCA and I and will be stopping at the Smurthwaite House and Cementerio Lindo this Wednesday to check all. We know that City purchases/contract work has been reduced or stopped due to virus with less revenue coming to the City. PCA received a recent donation thanks to Judy Smith to purchase paint for the Smurthwaite House upstairs interior and purchase several more trees and money for landscaping improvements along Jefferson and around the Smurthwaite House. We will resume our monthly maintenance meetings possibly on Thursday, May 12 or probably Thursday June 11?

Several other projects for City/ PCA:

1. Termite treatment for Mini-Mobile and Woolridge Vault.
2. Replace floor in Mini - Mobile.
3. Large boulders for Jacob Waltz area at PMMP.
4. IGA Agreement to increase maintenance at Cementerio Lindo and PMMP.
5. Cutting grass at the Smurthwaite House.

Thank you for the extra effort since the weeds were everywhere.

Mark Lamm

Grave Marker Preservation Project
May 2020 Report

Two times attempted to take last pictures of grave markers from February 2020 preservation with Joe, but weeds were abundant and too high.

I am working on completing projects: Work forms, before and after photos.

Submitted by: Cindy Lee, GMPP Chairperson

Memorial Marker Program – May 2020 report

Ryan ordered 10 markers and all were delivered to the Cemetery on Friday, May 1.

It was discovered while delivering markers that an order form along with a check had been given to PCA at the end of January by Kim Kasper. It was for a memorial stone for Frances Johnson. Ryan and I were unaware of that information.

We are thinking that one large stone would be appropriate for the Balsz family burials since there are several. We will be asking Zach for a price and will let the board know what is found out. When that stone is ordered during the summer, we can add the Frances Johnson stone.

Submitted by Patty Gault

Ryan VanderArk, Committee Chair