

**PIONEERS' CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
SMURTHWAITE HOUSE/WEBEX**

Thursday, June 1st, 2023

PCA Board Members Present:

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President
Cindy Lee, Vice President
Val Wilson, Treasurer
Ed Dobbins, Historian
Donna Carr
Sterling Foster
Vicki Galli

PCA Members Present:

Denise Foster
Lezlee Alexander
Bob Cox

PCA Board Members Absent:

Jenn Merry

PCA Advisory Board Members Present:

Webex

Mark Lamm (Board)
Debe Branning (Board)
Pamela Stewart (Advisor)

Smurthwaite House

Kim Kasper

Past PCA Member:

Mr. Villela

PCA Advisory Board Members Absent:

Frank Barrios
Marshall Shore
Judy Smith
Ryan Vander Ark
Margy Parisella

Discussion/Action

Call to Order: President Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Approval of March 2nd & April 6th Minutes: President Patty Gault - Minutes accepted as presented to the Board

Treasurer's Report: Val Wilson, Treasurer

- a. Beginning Balance -- \$27,040.59
- b. Ending Balance -- \$26,847.04
- c. Accounts review – May 24th, everything fine – we do need to make sure people fill out the bottom of the reimbursement form and attach receipts when getting reimbursements
- d. On Square usage report noticed it bunches – need to fix itemization on Square app

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Day – Event went well. Sterling Foster served as Master of Ceremony. Steve Schumacher, City of Phoenix Historian, was guest speaker. Had approximately 76 – 100 people attend the event. Had 8 organizations participate in the ceremony. James Witherspoon, a

Marine veteran, played TAPS. Tim Totter, a videographer, recorded the event for us. He will let us know when it is ready to post. We received a lot of positive comments. Parking is still an issue. After the ceremony, about 6 people went to the Chinese Circle for a small gathering there.

Some things to consider for next year's event is finding someone or group to set off cannon & or rifles. Possibly passing out poppies along with flags. Need to discuss parking situation.

Light Rail Update – Work on infrastructure and utilities will begin soon. All other aspects to start in 2025. There will be no more parking allowed on Jefferson Ave. There will be a turnaround at 14th Ave aka Cudahy. One of the stations, heading east, will end across from the Old Station Sub Shop next door to us. There will be cameras on the platforms with someone monitoring activities 24-7.

Jacob Waltz – Plan to hold a fundraiser to raise money for the monument. Hopefully the City will put in gravel around the area in July.

Rosedale Mapping – The cemetery map for Rosedale needs to be redone. The committee is working on a more current plat map and would like to move the existing rocks outlining sections of Rosedale in the north half to line up with this new plat map. Possibly put item into newsletter to generate interest and get help in moving the rocks. Ed and Sterling will present what they propose to do to the board before starting.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Markers – The installation of the new markers has been put on hold indefinitely due to Polo, the retired City employee who offered to help, being unavailable due to family issues. Once he is available the installation should possibly take 2 -3 days. There are 22 markers needing to be installed.

Membership – Lezlee Alexander, Kim Kasper and Cindy Lee concurred that as of June 1st we have 86 members. Cindy sent out 43 renewal requests and received 20 back.

There was a discussion if we should bestow Frank Barrios as a lifetime member of the PCA. Kim Kasper motioned to honor him and Sterling Foster seconded it. It was motioned and carried. Frank is the 2nd PCA member to receive such an honor. Dan Craig is the other.

Make a Brooch Fundraiser – The event for Grave Marker Preservation was a success. They raised \$400 between brooches and raffle tickets. There were 15 guests. Cindy Lee and Debe Branning donated supplies and refreshments. The guests enjoyed the event so much that they asked for another arts and crafts event to do this summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Victorian Fan Making – The GMMP will be holding a fundraiser per the request of the guests from the Brooch making fundraiser on **July 15th** from 10 – 1. They will be making Victorian fans and learning the etiquette about them. The cost is \$15 a person.

ICE CREAM Social – Our annual Ice Cream Social for members will be held **September 23rd**.

Dia De Los Muertos Fundraiser – **September 30th** More to come soon.

Murder Mystery – A Murder Mystery afternoon fundraiser is scheduled for **October 14th**. There will be appetizers and people are encouraged to wear costumes. There is room for 14 – 15 people and anyone who would like to volunteer, either in character or helping in set up, please let Val Wilson know. Val will start advertising the event soon. The cost will be \$15 per person.

T-Shirts – We are hoping to get some new ideas for T-Shirts to sell in the Gift Shop. There are a couple of companies that are being looked at who could make them for the PCA. We are thinking about holding a contest on our Facebook page to get ideas on verbiage such as HISTORY With A PLOT. The winner wins a T-Shirt. This is still in the brainstorming phase. The committee will bring the ideas to the Board in September to vote.

FRANK BARRIOS DAY – On May 30th the Mayor of Phoenix proclaimed the day FRANK BARRIOS DAY. Frank has been involved in many aspects throughout Phoenix. It was quite an honor. Frank was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in August of 2022 but he still is very involved.

Newsletter – Any items for the newsletter are now due.

Volunteer Hours –Please submit your hours as all hours are appreciated and helpful.

PCA BOARD – The Board will be on hiatus July and August, returning for the September 7th Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Foster

Newsletter Dates 2023: August 26 – September Newsletter

November 25 – December Newsletter