

**PIONEERS' CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
SMURTHWAITE HOUSE/WEBEX
Thursday, April 7, 2022**

PCA Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President
Donna Carr

WebEx

Debe Branning
Jenn Merry

Sterling Foster
Mark Lamm
Ileen Snoddy

PCA Board Members absent:

Marie Fenske – excused
Margy Parisella -- excused
Sally Pavia -- unexcused
Val Wilson – excused
Cindy Lee - excused

PCA Advisory Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Kim Kasper

WebEx

Lance Gray

PCA Advisory Board Members absent:

Ryan Vander Ark
Frank Barrios

Marshall Shore
Judy Smith

PCA Members present:

Denise Foster
Vivia Strang

WebEx

Lezlee Alexander

Discussion/Action

- **Call to order:** President Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- **Approval of February 2022 Minutes:** President Patty Gault
 - a. Minutes accepted as amended
- **Treasurers Report:** Kim Kasper reporting for Val Wilson
 - a. Beginning Balance -- \$21,765.99
 - b. Ending Balance -- \$19,937.49
 - c. Surplus -- \$5,214,96
 - d. Financial Review – March 5
 - All activity accounted for in the books

- Grant funds need adjustment to process for expenditures

OLD BUSINESS

- **Nominating Committee:** Patty Gault
 - a. Nominating Committee will consist of the following
 - Cindy Lee
 - Jenn Merry
 - Ed Dobbins
 - Kim Kasper
 - Ileen Snoddy
 - b. This committee will only be active for elections until the end of the year voting
 - c. Discussion: Sterling Foster asked how the committee was selected
 - Patty requested Cindy Lee to put together volunteers during last Board meeting for Board approval
 - **Motion:** Motion by Donna Carr that a nominating committee be created to identify nominees for the November PCA Board election, seconded by Mark Lamm
 - **Motion carried**
- **Memorial Day Activities:** Sterling Foster
 - a. Tentative Time – 9 am- 2 pm
 - b. Val sent an email to past participants inquiring if they would like to be involved this year
 - Have not heard back from anyone as of this meeting
 - c. Open House type activity and flags will be placed on Veterans graves only in the Porter and Rosedale cemeteries
 - d. Volunteers are needed
 - e. Flags left by Mason DeMolay have been picked up and can be used
- **Art Walk:** Kim Kasper reporting for Val Wilson
 - a. Various authors gave presentations in the House
 - b. Mourning photos were well received by the viewing public
 - c. Refreshments were served
 - d. 13 guests
 - \$265.00 was raised at the event
 - e. Many nice comments and we will build on this event for next year
- **Eagle Scout Project:** Sterling Foster
 - a. Scouts did a wonderful job repairing/painting the benches
 - b. Date to be determined to paint the metal on the benches as summer is coming and a different paint needs to be utilized
- **Quarterly meeting with City of Phoenix (Joe Diaz):** Patty Gault
 - a. Vault assessment has not yet been received

NEW BUSINESS

- **Sotello/Heard Cemetery:** Mark Lamm
 - a. 400-unit housing by Trellis will be constructed near the cemetery
 - Construction is set to begin in 2-3 months
 - A wall is being built between the housing units and the cemetery
- **Signage Add-ins:** Sterling Foster
 - a. Pepper Tree Lane – original entrance on south side
 - Signage explaining Pepper Tree Lane name
 - **Discussion:** Should the PCA Board pursue the signage with the help of the City of Phoenix who will supply the signs
 - **Motion:** Motion by Sterling to install two Peppertree Lane signs to Masons Cemetery.

Motion Carried

- **Cenotaph:** Sterling Foster
 - a. Currently there are 40 with room for a total of 150
 - b. Should another area be needed for future growth there is an area located on the southside entrance
 - c. More discussion is needed as to future needs
- **Frank B. Moss Marker:** Sterling Foster
 - a. There was at one time something possibly decorative or group affiliation on top of his marker
 - b. Possibly place some type of plaque in the spot as he was an important Phoenician
 - c. **Discussion:** Donna Carr suggested we reach out to Tim Kovacs with the Fire Museum to see if they might know or have an image of his marker. The Fire Museum also wanted to open discussion regarding a firefighter Cenotaph at the cemetery. Vivia Strang cautioned several items including cost, design process as the cemetery is listed on the National Register
- **CAR Plaque (Children of the American Revolution):** Sterling Foster
 - a. Needs attention
 - b. Sterling and Lezlee will discuss off-line
- **Polar Engraving:** Donna Carr
 - a. **Discussion:** Donna Carr inquired about the 5 markers PCA is awaiting. It has been less than 3 weeks since the order was placed. Patty will ask Val if the check has cleared and then touch base with Polar Engraving
- **Events:** Patty Gault
 - a. Brooch Making Open House has been moved to May 1 due to street closures around the cemetery
 - b. Jacob Waltz Fundraising Event
 - Ileen Snoddy presented an opportunity to collaborate with the Superstition Mountain Historical Museum for a Jacob Waltz event in October 2022. Ileen will work on more specifics and a committee with the 2 institutions should be formed

- **Motion:** Motion by Sterling Foster that PCA work in conjunction with the Superstition Mountain Historical Society for a Jacob Waltz Event and a committee be created to report on efforts, seconded by Mark Lamm
 - **Motion carried**
- c. Improving Event PR
 - Need to work with City of Phoenix Media

Reminder to submit Volunteer Hours to Denise Foster

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am

Respectfully submitted

Ileen Snoddy, PCA Secretary