

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

Thursday, December 1, 2022

**PCA Board Members present:**

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President

Donna Carr

Sterling Foster

Debe Branning

Sterling Foster

WebEx

Mark Lamm

Cindy Lee, Vice President

Jenn Merry

**PCA Board Members absent:**

Val Wilson

Margy Parisella

Ileen Snoddy

Marie Fenske

Sally Pavia

**PCA Advisory Board Members present:**

Smurthwaite House

Kim Kasper

**PCA Advisory Board Members absent:**

Judy Smith

Ryan Vander Ark

Frank Barrios

Marshall Shore

Lance Gray

**PCA Members Present:**

Smurthwaite House

Denise Foster

Vicki Galli

Ed Dobbins

WebEx

Lezlee Alexander

Vivia Strang

Pamela Stewart

**Discussion/Action**

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

**Approval of November 2022 Minutes:** President, Patty Gault

a. Minutes accepted as presented to the board

**Treasurers Report:** Kim Kasper

- a. Beginning Balance - \$30,215.86
- b. Ending Balance - \$30,321.86

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Anyone who has any possible ideas or would like to help with this for 2023, please contact Patty. A short power point or short video that we can put on line would be helpful.

**Rosedale Map Project** – Ed Dobbins gave a report on the progress of his project on creating a plat map for known burial locations in Rosedale. There has not been a new plat map since Hayden created one since 1940. Ed said that creating an updated plat map and eventually including plot markers was something that would be beneficial and could continue for the other cemeteries. The information can be combined with the virtual map Val is creating. Ed and Patty Gault went to the AZ State Archives and found Thomas Hayden’s original maps and journals. The journals have a description of the burials in more detail, but there are around 1,000 pages. The Archives would charge a \$1 per page for anything over 100 copies. Their cost per copy increases with the number of pages requested. To cover this cost Lezlee suggested checking with DAR groups and Jenn mentioned small grants. To continue work on this map project, Donna made a motion to form a Committee with Ed Dobbins as chair. Sterling seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous Board agreement. Patty asked that anyone who would like to help Val with GPS locations of burials, to take a photo with GPS attached and send it to her. She can assist in letting volunteers know how to do that.

**Chinese Book** – Donna said that since we received copies of the book for consignment, we have sold 10 copies and have made one payment to Chinese United and will be making another one soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEES**

**Grave Marker Preservation** – Mark Lamm asked what the committee’s future plan was and their budget for upcoming February work. Cindy Lee said that Joe would be here the first week of February and work off and on through the end of February depending on work to be done. Mark wanted to know what work was to be done. Cindy said until dirt was added in certain areas, enclosures (railings) could not be repaired. The City is working on finding galvanized pipe for the repairs. Repairs will be made to the stones that were vandalized. Mark offered to work on the dirt that is needed to allow repairs to be made.

**Memorial Markers** – Sterling said the Tuesday work crew have put all the new memorial markers temporarily into place. They still need to embed them in concrete. The only markers left not installed are those needing to be put in Cementerio Lindo and the DAR cenotaphs. Sterling said we should hold off ordering any more until these markers are in place.

**Membership** – Patty reminded the Board members to renew their membership.

**Additions to the Cemetery** – Sons of the Confederate Veterans had previously installed Southern Crosses of Honor for Confederate soldiers buried in the cemeteries years ago. They had one left over as they weren't sure where to place it and it was put in a display cabinet at Smurthwaite. The group now states that the cross should be placed at Perry Wilson's grave in Porter. They will be installing it soon and are working with Sterling.

**Benches** – We have three types of benches that we have placed in the cemeteries over the years. The three types were discussed. A motion was made by Sterling to use only these three bench types going forward. Debe seconded the motion and the motion passed with unanimous Board agreement. We have a list of types, colors and sizes. The Board will approve where placement will be made when a bench is requested in the future.

**Deaccession of Chair Covers** – Patty requested that we deaccession the chair covers we currently have as they are no longer used. They would be offered for sale to generate funds. Jenn made a motion to remove the covers and deaccession. Debe seconded the motion and the motion passed with unanimous Board agreement.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BBQ for City workers** – Cancelled and will reassess in January.

**Art Walk** - January 21 from 12 pm – 3 pm. This event will now include the Phoenix Model A Car Club and a variety of vendors and authors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Denise Foster and Patty Gault