

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

Thursday, November 3, 2022 – FINAL

PCA Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President
Cindy Lee, Vice President
Mark Lamm
Donna Carr
Sterling Foster

WebEx

Margy Parisella
Val Wilson
Jenn Merry

PCA Board Members absent:

Debe Branning
Ileen Snoddy
Marie Fenske
Sally Pavia

PCA Advisory Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Kim Kasper

WebEx

Judy Smith
Lance Gray

PCA Advisory Board Members absent:

Ryan Vander Ark
Frank Barrios
Marshall Shore

PCA Members Present:

Smurthwaite House

Denise Foster
Vicki Galli
Ed Dobbins
Vivia Strang
Pamela Stewart
David Jackson

WebEx

Lezlee Alexander
Bob Cox

Discussion/Action

Call to order: President, Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of October 2022 Minutes: President, Patty Gault

a. Minutes approved as presented to the board

Treasurers Report: Val Wilson, Treasurer

- a. Beginning Balance - \$28, 844.94
- b. Ending Balance - \$30,215.86
- c. Surplus - \$9,364.13

OLD BUSINESS

Budget - Committee Budgets for 2023 report presented for approval (report submitted). \$17,436.13 tentatively allocated for 2023. Motion to approve the Budget as presented made by Donna, seconded by Sterling. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Spirits of the Old West – Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 28 visitors, 12 reenactors, 14 volunteers and 342 volunteer hours. Total proceeds were \$478.77 (report submitted). The only complaint was they wanted more characters. The visitors had an enjoyable time and the volunteers were treated to pizza afterwards.

DAR and Work Day Review – Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. There were 2 groups in attendance. GMPP committee members and 12 volunteers, including DAR members, Medical Examiner Assistant, Heritage Square employee and 3 medical students received handout manuals and watched a cleaning Video. They were able to clean 4 plot rows of grave markers in the Mason’s Cemetery and worked a total of 86 volunteer hours. Also 8 members of CSA and UDC watched the cleaning Video and worked at cleaning 14 Southern Crosses of Honor for a total of 30 volunteer hours (report submitted).

Board Reference Guides Update – Cindy requested that everyone bring in their reference books that she made for us to get updated. She will eliminate outdated information and add new information. Put your name on it and it can be left on the table in the library upstairs. Please bring in by the December 1st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Membership – PCA 2022 membership is 112, highest since 2017. PCA has 17 members paid for 2023.

Memorial Marker Committee – Per Sterling the Memorial Marker Committee has met a couple of times and have decided to combine the currently separated Cenotaph and Memorial Marker funds. They will first “pay down” the Cenotaph funds (\$230.) and have one Memorial Marker Program fund. Motion to continue to make Memorial Marker payments from the Cenotaph fund until it runs out and then combine the 2 funds was made by Sterling, seconded by Val. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Update of current marker orders – All orders have been received from Polar Engraving, 2 for Cementerio Lindo and 19 for PMMP.

Discussion regarding various DAR Chapters, Past PCA members, donors, and others placing “Memorial” makers, i.e., plaques and signs, etc. in the cemetery for people not buried in the cemetery. The Memorial Marker Committee will now review any requests for additions to the

cemetery. After review by the Committee, they will present their determination to the Board for final approval. Tree additions will be discussed on a later date.

Sotelo Heard-Meeting with Trellis - Friday, October 14, 2022 the PCA Sotelo Heard/Campo Santo Mexicano committee members met with the new CEO of Trellis, Michael Traylor. He advised that the City of Phoenix is looking to do a land swap. The historic cemetery and property adjacent could possibly be purchased by the Cihuapacti Collective, A Native American organization to build an NA Wellness Center. The organization has expressed an interest in having the cemetery be incorporated with their project. The plans are in preliminary stages. Joe Diaz said the cemetery will go with the land deal. Trellis will keep us updated.

Removal of personal items from the Smurthwaite House – Patty advised that anyone that has personal items at or on display in the house should be removed. PCA will be doing an inventory of all items in the house at the beginning of the new year.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

Chinese Circle Dedication – Saturday, November 5, 2022, 7:00 a.m.-noon. The event is closed to the public. With the help of city staff there will be 50 chairs for the attendees.

Open House – Make and Take Ornament – Saturday, November 19, 2022, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Attendees will make a free ornament while enjoying refreshments. R.S.V.P. by November 14th.

Election Results –

Denise counted votes. 24 votes, ALL voters accepted the slate as presented. Board Officer positions were chosen after the election results were verified.

Board Officers: Patty Gault-President, Cindy Lee-Vice President, Ileen Snoddy-Secretary, Val Wilson-Treasurer and Ed Dobbins-Historian

Board Members: Debe Branning, Donna Carr, Sterling Foster, Vicki Galli, Kimberly Kasper, Mark Lamm and Jenn Merry

Advisors: Frank Barrios, Margy Parisella, Marshall Shore, Judy Smith, Pamela Stewart and Ryan Vander Ark

Narcan Training – Cindy has obtained doses of injectable Narcan for the treatment of opioid overdose. Training will be forthcoming.

The next virtual meeting for the Human Services Campus will be on November 15th. If anyone is interested in attending, please tell Patty and she will forward the link to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

TRIVIA

Respectfully submitted: Kim Kasper