

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

Thursday, October 6, 2022

PCA Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Cindy Lee, Vice President
Mark Lamm
Debe Branning
Donna Carr
Sterling Foster

WebEx

Val Wilson
Jenn Merry

PCA Board Members absent:

Patty Gault excused absence
Marie Fenske
Sally Pavia
Ileen Snoddy excused absence

PCA Advisory Board Members Present: 0

PCA Advisory Board Members Absent:

Kim Kasper excused absence
Lance Gray
Judy Smith
Ryan Vander Ark
Frank Barrios
Marshall Shore

PCA Members Present:

Denise Foster

WebEx:

Lezlee Alexander
Vicki Galli
Ed Dobbins

Discussion/Action

Call to order: Vice President Cindy Lee called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Approval of September 2022 Minutes: Vice President Cindy Lee

- a. Minutes accepted as presented to the board

Treasurers Report: Val Wilson

- a. Beginning Balance -- \$28, 385.32
- b. Ending Balance -- \$28,844.44
- c. Surplus – \$8,573.31

\$6,600 will be rolled over into the committees in January.

Val requested that all committees look at budgets to see if they still work for you or not. Let Val know of any concerns or if you need to increase budget within your committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice Cream Social – was held on September 24, 2022 at the Smurthwaite House. It was a huge success. There were 40 guests, the majority were PCA members. Ice cream was served with lots of toppings and root beer floats were also made. Mark & Linda Lamm provided pumpkin and carrot cake rolls that were enjoyed as well. The highlight of the social was playing Bingo, thanks to Marshall Shore who provided old fashion Bingo cards and a Bingo cage. Bingo prizes were awarded to those who participated and everyone won at least one prize.

Thank you to our volunteers who prepped for this event, providing bingo prizes and stuffing the bags, buying ice cream and toppings as well as set up for the social. Big thanks to Cindy, Vicki, Ileen, Robyn, Val, Debe, Marshall, Kim, Denise, Sterling & Patty.

We had one membership renewed for \$25 at the event. The Gift Shop sold \$219.60 in items (including two of the new Chinese History books). We collected \$75 in our Donation Jar. All totaled was \$319.60.

AASLH Award – PCA members Cindy Lee and Vicki Galli were on hand on September 16th, 2022, to accept the award when the American Association for State and Local History, presented The Award in Excellence, recognizing the Best in State and Local History, to the Pioneers' Cemetery Association for their project on *Women and Children of Pioneer & Military Memorial Park*. This project expanded awareness and research on the women and children who lived, worked, and died in territorial Phoenix. A number of PCA volunteers worked countless hours on this project to make this happen. It was also supported by the Arizona Humanities Grant.

Valley Metro/Light Rail Meeting – On Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 1 p.m. two representatives from Valley Metro came to the Smurthwaite House to share information about the light rail project that is planned to be installed westbound on Washington St. and eastbound on Jefferson St. both to be in the center lane. Valley Metro are also working on locations of stop platforms, possibly affecting the PCA. The Initial phase will begin sometime in 2023/24.

Living History – Donna added 4 more biographies to our library.

Dia de Los Muertos Doll & Pot GMPP Fundraiser – 22 guests attended. 2/3 of the attendees had never been to this event before. They had a guest speaker who was

part of the National Hispanic Month. They raised \$735 for the GMMP.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership – Lezlee and Cindy will give a more in-depth report at the November meeting.

Memorial Markers – Sterling said 22 brick markers were ordered this year. Had several bricks made for In Memory of DAR members who are NOT buried here. The board to discuss if this practice should continue.

PCA 2023/2024 SLATE for Board of Directors & Advisory Board – If a PCA member wants their name to be on the slate they must let us know by the end of the day of October 15th, 2022. PCA members were sent a letter via email or snail mail in September re: voting. November 3rd, members can vote online, email, or in person for the new Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

UPCOMING EVENTS – Spirits of the Old West to be on October 15th. Tickets \$15, children under 10 free. There will be an exhibit in the gazebo. Water & cookies will be served.

Open House and Day of Service will be on Saturday, October 22nd. We are expecting a large group of DAR women including several who are coming from California.

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy – Jenn Merry will be speaking at this event for the PCA via ZOOM on October 25th at 6 p.m.

Chinese Circle Dedication – A brief dedication ceremony that is invite only is to be held on November 5th. Still waiting to hear from City of Phoenix as to their involvement.

Reference Books Update – Cindy requested everyone bring their reference books that she had made for us in to get updated. Put your name on it & they can be left on table in the library upstairs. Please bring in by the December 1st meeting!!

New Fire Alarm System – Installation of a new fire alarm system has begun. It is in the Kitchen. Not sure how much longer it will take to be completed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Foster