

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

Thursday, November 4, 2021

**PCA Board Members present:**

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President  
Debe Branning  
Donna Carr  
Marie Fenske  
Mark Lamm

WebEx

Jenn Merry  
Val Wilson, delayed

**PCA Board Members absent:**

Ileen Snoddy, Secretary - excused  
Margy Parisella, Historian – excused  
Sterling Foster – excused  
Sally Pavia - absent

**PCA Advisory Board Members present:**

Smurthwaite House

Kim Kasper  
Frank Barrios

**PCA Advisory Board Members absent:**

Ryan Vander Ark  
Marshall Shore  
Judy Smith  
Lance Gray

**PCA Members present:**

Smurthwaite house

Ed Dobbins

WebEx

Lezlee Alexander  
Vivia Strang

**Discussion/Action**

- **Call to order:** President Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- **Approval of October, 2021 Minutes:** President Patty Gault
  - a. Minutes accepted as submitted
- **Treasurers Report:** Val Wilson (Prepared) Presented by Kim Kasper
  - a. Beginning Balance -- \$30,711.11
  - b. Ending Balance -- \$31,495.27
  - c. Surplus --\$7,177.79

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Sotello/Heard Cemetery Project:** Mark Lamm
  - a. A PowerPoint presentation will be made at the end of the meeting
- **Sewer/Tamarisk tree issue:** Patty Gault
  - a. Repairs to the sewer line will start in December
  - b. The city will start trimming to eliminate branches from falling
  - c. Per Mark an irrigation line to the tree is possible
- **SRP Grant Request:** Patty Gault
  - a. Jenn is actively looking for a new computer and will send the specs to members present to also shop

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- No questions regarding the reports submitted
- **Events:** Cindy Lee
  - a. Membership Drive – December 4
    - Invitations to members, volunteers and associates
    - Make/Take Ornaments (outside)
    - Light refreshments (cookies)
  - b. GMMP/DAR Grave Marker Training & Cleaning – October 9
    - 36 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), 2 DAR husbands and 6 Gravemarker volunteers trained and cleaned a total of 150 markers
    - Evaluation summaries were completed by the participants
  - c. Open House – November 20
    - PCA will discuss
  - d. Chinese Circle – January 21
    - Mark Lamm is making arrangements with the Chinese community for the dedication of the Chinese Circle
  - e. City Meeting – November 30 (Mark is planning)
    - Presentation of the Sotelo Heard-Campo Santo Mexican PowerPoint to Joe Diaz and Cynthia Aguilar
    - Discuss environmental issues

## NEW BUSINESS

- **New Fire Alarm**
  - a. The City of Phoenix intends to install a new fire alarm system. The PCA has many concerns regarding the visibility and the damage to the house.
  - b. Patty Gault met with city staff making the arrangements. The original city plan was to install a new control panel run visible conduit throughout the house.
  - c. Patty discussed with Juan Rodriguez and has requested that PCA be kept informed.
  - d. PCA would prefer a wireless system

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Visitors Today**
  - a. The PCA was approached by Jennifer Sands representing Mrs. Marjorie Moote, a close friend of the Smurthwaite family, when they had a business at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and lived in the house before it was moved
  - b. Mrs Moote owns 4 furniture pieces that belonged to the Smurthwaite family and were used by them in the house
  - c. Mrs. Moote is interested in donating the pieces to the PCA
- **Phoenix College Centennial Time Capsule**
  - a. Frank Barrios has requested that PCA members who attended Phoenix College complete a Time Capsule Memory Card to be placed in the PC Centennial Time Capsule
  - b. Patty will scan the Memory Card and email to PCA members to submit

## **Call to Public**

- Vivia Strang said Margy Parisella was approached by a City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office staff member at the recent Historic Preservation Conference to state that they are aware of the issues with the installation of the new fire alarm system
- Vivia Strang, Ed Dobbins and Margy Parisella made a PowerPoint presentation at the 2021 Historic Preservation Conference.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:24 a.m.**

## **Presentation of the Sotelo Heard-Campo Santo Mexicano PowerPoint**

- Presented by Patty Gault, Ed Dobbins, Vivia Strang, Frank Barrios, Tim Diaz and Mark Lamm

**Presentation ended: 11:05 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Kasper