

PIONEERS' CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
SMURTHWAITE HOUSE/WEBEX
Thursday, September 1, 2022

PCA Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President

Debe Branning

Donna Carr

Sterling Foster

Mark Lamm

Cindy Lee

WebEx

Jenn Merry

Margy Parisella

Ileen Snoddy

Val Wilson

PCA Board Members absent:

Marie Fenske – excused

Sally Pavia -- absent

PCA Advisory Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Kim Kasper

WebEx

Lance Gray

Judy Smith

PCA Advisory Board Members absent:

Ryan Vander Ark

Frank Barrios

Marshall Shore

PCA Members present:

Denise Foster

Ed Dobbins

WebEx

Lezlee Alexander

Vivia Strang

Visitor Member present:

Vicki Galli

Discussion/Action

- **Call to order:** President Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- **Approval of June 2022 Minutes:** President Patty Gault
 - a. Minutes accepted as amended
- **Treasurers Report:** Val Wilson
 - a. Beginning Balance -- \$27,843.13
 - b. Ending Balance -- \$28,385.32
 - c. Surplus -- \$8,068.69

OLD BUSINESS

- **40th Anniversary Celebration:** Patty Gault
 - a. Commemorative postcard
 - Don Craig declined to move forward with the design/printing of the postcard
 - Will celebrate with an open house and pictures
 - Board will meet and discuss possible give-away
 - Please send ideas to Patty
- **City of Phoenix:** Patty Gault
 - a. Met with Joe Diaz
 - b. High level needs requests were discussed
 - Will continue to bring these needs/concerns forward
 - c. Water fountain – water has been turned off
- **Sotello/Heard Cemetery:** Mark Lamm
 - a. CPLC has purchased the school adjacent to the property
 - b. Fencing has been installed
- **Jacob Waltz:** Mark Lamm
 - a. Committee has put a hold on activities pertaining to the aesthetic design of the space
- **Rosedale Mapping:** Patty Gault
 - a. Val is digital/GOOGLE mapping
 - b. Ed is paper mapping

NEW BUSINESS

- **Memorial Markers:** Sterling Foster
 - a. Received 2 orders
 - Military Marker – Peter Bord
 - b. Discussion – Judy inquired with the DAR markers will be placed. Response – most likely in the Fall
- **Smurthwaite Items:** Kim Kasper
 - a. Kim listed the items for donation to PCA by Margie Moote
 - b. Discussion – Mark asked about the donation of the clothing; will most likely be used on mannequins. Kim also mentioned a dresser was also offered. Suggestion of photos of the clothing can be used in the newsletter.
 - c. Motion to accept the items into the collection from Margie Moote by Debe Banning. Seconded by Sterling Foster. Motion carried.
- **Nominating Committee:** Cindy Lee
 - a. Thanked Nominating Committee members for putting the slate of officers together
 - b. Slate of officers will be presented to the Board at the October PCA Board Meeting
 - c. 12 Board Members/6 Advisory names will be presented

- d. Discussion: Margy asked if 12 members on the board was necessary. There is no limit to number of board members.
- **New Chairs for Smurthwaite House:** Patty Gault
 - a. Thanked Kim for locating the chairs; old chairs will be removed and recycled
- **Membership:** Cindy Lee
 - a. 109 members
 - b. Thanked Lezlee and Val for their continued work on the membership drives/accounting
- **New City of Phoenix Councilwoman:** Mark Lamm
 - a. Yassamin Ansari
- **Arizona Community Foundation:** Patty Gault
 - a. Sally McCutcheon submitted a grant in the amount of \$1000 for general use
- **Gold Mountain in the Desert Book:** Patty Gault
 - a. Discussion – to sell the book in the PCA Gift Shop.
 - b. \$45 for hard cover
 - c. \$35 soft cover
 - d. \$6 to mail
 - e. Motion by Donna Carr to accept sale of Gold Mountain in the Desert on commission of 10%. Seconded by Cindy Lee. Motion carried.
- **Upcoming Events:** Patty Gault
 - a. Ice Cream Social/Membership Drive
 - September 28th beginning at 10 am
 - Marshall Shore to call BINGO game
 - 28 RSVPs to date
 - b. Dios los Muertos: Debe Banning
 - 8 seats still available – popular event so it will be sold out
 - c. Spirits of the Old West: Cindy Lee
 - October 15th beginning at 10 am
 - General fundraiser
 - Ticket price is \$15
 - d. Chinese Circle Dedication: Mark Lamm
 - November 15th beginning at 10 am
 - Invitation ONLY event
 - Contact Mark if you would like to attend
 - e. Calendar Events Change Dates: Patty Gault
 - January 28, 2023
 - CAR (Children of the American Revolution)
 - Discussion – Donna will be giving the tour. Lezlee asked about the space in the south area of the cemetery, she would like to check on their plaque and the condition. Sterling offered to take a photograph to send to Lezlee.
 - October 22, 2022
 - Open House

- Will be a Day of Service and DAR will be participating
- Sterling suggested that PCA reach out to past Day of Service participants to encourage participation. Judy also mentioned that the 2nd Saturday in March her DAR chapter will be in to clean the cemetery.
- **Budget Planning:** Patty Gault
 - a. Email Val if you have additional need for committee funds or any questions by November
- **Fry's Community Awards:** Patty Gault
 - a. Nonprofits receive a % of purchases
 - b. Check will be sent quarterly
 - c. Motion by Donna Carr to participate. Seconded by Cindy Lee. Motion carried.
- **Light Rail Progress:** Patty Gault
 - a. Discussion of impact of trenching near the Smurthwaite House and if there will be a stop near the property. Patty will keep all informed as she receives information.
- **AASLH Awards of Excellence:** Cindy Lee
 - a. Cindy and Vicki attended the award ceremony in Buffalo, New York to accept the award.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am

Respectfully submitted

Ileen Snoddy, PCA Secretary