

**PIONEERS' CEMETERY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
MINUTES**

SMURTHWAITE HOUSE/ZOOM Thursday, March 5, 2026

PCA Board Members present:

Patty Gault, President
Val Wilson, Treasurer
Jenn Merry, Secretary
Ed Dobbins, Historian
Debe Branning
Donna Carr
Kim Kasper
Mark Lamm
Tom Yount

Other Members Present:

Lezlee Alexander

PCA Board Members absent:

Cindy Lee, Vice President
Sterling Foster
Vicki Galli, Board
Jarrod Riddle, Board
Steve Schumaker, Advisor
Brittany Heingardner, Advisor
Margy Parisella, Advisor
Judy Smith, Advisor

Discussion/Action

Call to order: President Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of February 5, 2026 Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: \$39,295.73; Ending Balance - \$39,406.26

OLD BUSINESS

House: Workers present preparing for paint; Meeting with City (Joe Diaz) at 1pm today to discuss the work at Smurthwaite as well as the trees and sidewalks in the area, unknown about notifications to S'edav Va'aki.

Memorial Garden: Bricks ordered for the Memorial Garden to be put in before Memorial Day event. Will be for Civil War veterans, depending on what names and info we can find.

CAR Plaque: Tom installed and they will do the CAR ceremony and photos during March 28 open house.

LIDAR map: Kate Gordon, the NAU student working on mapping the cemeteries, has finished the part north of Madison, so she's done Porter and Rosedale, and next week, she's on spring break also, so she'll be here Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon to do the areas south of Madison. Will continue to come until it gets too hot. Looking good so far, Ed saw a 3D of Porter and likes it.

Markers: We did receive the veteran's marker we ordered. Will go in Porter for Philip Johnsson. It is at the City office and they will deliver it sometime this week to PMMP. Does anyone have a special veteran's group or we can call the Manion Foundation to see if they will install it, hopefully before Memorial Day.

Safe Outdoor Space: PCA board members went last Thurs. after meeting with the City of Phoenix. Anyone can go, whenever, just call for appointment. PCA Members impressed on the work they are doing over there.

Calendar:

March 14: Judy's chapter DAR coming for an event. Anyone who wants to help make sure things are ready can come by 8:00/8:15 am.

March 28/open house: Irish Wake: Man laid out in the parlor, and there will be 4 actors, 3 of them are returns, one's new; and we'll also tell about the traditions of an Irish wake, plus an Irish scavenger hunt.

April open house: Nothing scheduled for an event. Anyone have any suggestions?

- Suggested having Mary Gardon discuss her book on Minnie Powers (proceeds benefit PCA) at the open house before Memorial Day, but Mary is not available for April 28 so we can perhaps change the open house date to date when she is available.
 - We could also maybe do it on Memorial Day. Suggestion to add more books to that as well, ie. Chinese in Arizona books also.
 - Larger group available for Memorial Day so we will suggest that date to Mary Gordon
 - Perhaps also have 3D printed Smurthwaite Houses available

NEW BUSINESS

Committee reports questions? No

Membership: Lots of new members, numbers to come. Board members who have not renewed, to be discussed next month.

Flag holders to be installed for Union veterans next Thursday.

Volunteer Hours Reminder - Please send your hours to Denise.

Meeting Adjourned 10:19 a.m

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Merry