

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

SMURTHWAITE HOUSE/ZOOM Thursday, April 2, 2026

PCA Board Members present:

Patty Gault, President
Cindy Lee, Vice President
Val Wilson, Treasurer
Jenn Merry, Secretary
Ed Dobbins, Historian

Donna Carr
Kim Kasper
Mark Lamm
Tom Yount

Other Members Present:

Lezlee Alexander

PCA Board Members absent:

Debe Branning
Sterling Foster
Jarrod Riddle, Board
Steve Schumaker, Advisor
Brittany Heingardner, Advisor
Judy Smith, Advisor

Discussion/Action

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

Approval of March 5, 2026 Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: \$39,406.26; Ending Balance - \$40,668.36

- Filed 990N Postcard for taxes
- Will be filing Corporation Commission after this meeting also

OLD BUSINESS

March 28/open house: Irish Wake rescheduled to **April 25th** due to road closures.

Memorial Day prep:

- Need to know who can help set up - flags being put out by Bob's group.
 - Kim, Donna, Lezlee, maybe Steve
- Merry Gordon will be at the House around 10a, after opening ceremony/flag raising, to give a presentation on her new book
- Any other plans anyone wants to include? Do we want more authors?
- Lunch? Snacks?

NEW BUSINESS

Committee reports questions? No

Membership: Mailing reminders seems to bring more in. Continue sending mail reminders

April open house: Set up and ready to go - Cindy Lee.

Open House for May? Do we need one? Set up for Memorial Day needs to happen also. Benches wiped off, general clean up, and ask City to tackle the weeds.

Board and Advisory Members: 3 have not renewed, no response on emails. Per bylaws, they are no longer able to serve. Need motion.

- Motion to remove: Kim Kasper, 2nd: Jenn Merry — PASSED
- Lezlee spoke with Margie, Jenn spoke with Todd, and Cindy spoke with Vickie.
- Val will file Corp Commission with new info

History Talk Series: idea to keep programming on Zoom over the summer, people do not need to come to the house in the heat, but still have talks or happy hours or other presentations via Zoom to keep PCA in the public eye.

Cemetery request from the Revenge of Sgt. Sam Ford Chapter, Arizona, of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars: Wants a 9x6 plaque to be added to the Confederate section. Discussion before vote:

- We are not needing more labels in the cemetery, we explain well enough for tours; our focus is not to put labels all over our cemetery that can confuse. We maintain the cemetery, not add.
- They want to label the area as an Ex-Confederate area, however, there are also Union in the section.
- There are already markers re: Confederate in that area; and we have discussed this a long time ago

VOTE: Motion to decline request: Cindy Lee, 2nd: Donna Carr

Change addition to cemetery form we use: We can amend the website to explain we are not taking new requests if needed; but the board has to approve anyway.

- Update the form

Jacob Waltz video: a lot of misinformation in the video by Superstition Museum, just know that it is out there, and if anyone asks we can just say it's out there and it's fiction and leave it at that. Waltz was never moved, he has been in that cemetery since he was buried.

Fire alarm - if it goes off, you can notify the alarm room but don't call the number that's out there.

Volunteer Hours Reminder - Please send your hours to Denise.

Meeting Adjourned 10:40 a.m

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Merry