PIONEERS 'CEMETERY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

SMURTHWAITE HOUSE/ZOOM Thursday, September 3, 2026

PCA Board Members present:
Patty Gault, President
Cindy Lee, Vice President

Ed Dobbins, Historian
Debe Branning
Donna Carr
Kim Kasper
Mark Lamm
Tom Yount

Sterling Foster
Steve Schumaker, Advisor
Brittany Heingardner, Advisor

Other Members Present:
Melissa Farley, member
Merry Gordon, member
Denise Foster, member

PCA Board Members absent:

Val Wilson, Treasurer
Jenn Merry, Secretary
Jarrod Riddle

Discussion/Action
Call to order: President Patty Gault called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of June 4, 2026 Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Beginning Balance $40,544.92; Ending Balance - $40,177.11

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: slate has been sent out to all, it is what was worked on by the committee who met in May: Ed, Tom, Cindy, Jenn, Steve, Kim; membership will vote on the slate in November. Any questions by the board? None.

Zoom summer speaker presentations: went very well and the speakers had fun. It is on the PCA YouTube channel.

Memorial Markers: ready to go into the ground again, so October will be ready to put in again; we will pay Steve Lee for installation. These the grave markers that he coated and built the cement around them.

Military Marker: replacement for Johnsson in Porter here in 5 weeks. Replaces the earlier received one that was broken in shipping. Also order of bricks for memorial garden will be here approx 5 weeks too.

PMMP map revision: Ed revised the map and made it clearer/cleaner;
Changes:

1) Rosedale North has no plat map, so Ed made a scheme on how the grave block may have been laid out based on things we know, such as it was not a mirror of Rosedale South AND that there are 46 graves out there that are identified by who and where they are, AND we know the number and lot where the grave marker should be at.
   - When tested, the map accounts for 42 out of the 46, which is about 91%, the ones that are off are not wildly off, they're off by one block, or two, or something like that.

2) The area called City Loosley has been called several things in the past, like City/Loosley or Phoenix Cemetery, etc. and has been the seventh cemetery in the PMMP complex. But in doing the research for the book Ed wrote on PMMP, he discovered that in area to the west of the four fraternal cemeteries, there are 3 cemeteries in that 4 acres. Those 3 cemeteries each have deeds recorded in 1884.
   - On October 8, 1884, the City of Phoenix conveyed the south quarter of the cemetery.
   - Same date, they conveyed the north portion to a man named John Loosley.
   - December 9, 1884, John sold a small portion of the area between his lot and the city's lot to the County of Maricopa.

3) At the southeast end of the cemetery is the Ancient Order of United Workmen.
   - Knights of Pythias sold part of their cemetery to the Ancient Order of United Workmen early in 1885.

     When we put it on the original map PCA made in the 1990s they drew the line through the second lowest tier of the Knights of Pythias, which were depicted as gray blocks 13 through 18. We have been using that ever since, and when we did the PCA burial book, anybody located in those areas was assigned to the AOUW.
   - On the actual deed of the bill of sale, between the Knights of Pythias and the AOUW, 13 through 18 were not included in the bill of sale. The only ones in the bill of sale are the very southern tier, 19 through 24.
   - The line between the Knights of Pythias and the AOUW on the general map has been redrawn accordingly.

** ALL NOTES regarding these changes and including in copies of the recorded documents are being sent to the Board by Ed.

- re-address after Board has a chance to look at the documents Ed sent

- The rocks might have to be moved.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee reports questions? No.

Membership: at about 80 members, 92 this time last year

New info: no

Upcoming events:

- September 26: Open House
- September 19: Christmas wreaths and cemetariums
- October 24: Mason's event and open house. Bo Buchanan wanted to have an event for Dayton Reed in the summer, it was rescheduled for October 24.

2027 Calendar: Creating a new one, please send all events to Patty.

March 2027: Judy's DAR Chapter cleaning

June 2026 damage: someone broke the front window, someone tried to turn the water on, and no damage since; the City still needs to fix the window. The dining room had some water damage on the wall and the City has been notified too.

Alarm policy: City has decided to respond to any alarm calls now, instead of the procedure we had in place for PCA board to respond; and now needs to be revised. On the same document for emergency procedures, there are people to call on that emergency list and needs to be updated with the City in case there are other changes needed.

Book scanner: It was suggested that we purchase a book scanner because we have a lot of binders and things that could be scanned as a volunteer project. The tech committee has enough to cover this and it will be purchased.

Quarterly report to city: It's something we are required to do every 3 months. it included damage to the house and what we did during the last quarter and shows the number of our volunteer hours and what they are worth. Any questions? No.

Monthly maintenance: City will no longer participate in person, they suggested PCA create a list of issues that need to be addressed immediately/that month. Need to choose a regular date to email this each month.

- email or text images immediate issues like a downed tree or a window broken PCA already sends a 3 year plan every year that gets sent to them that includes major projects.

The Safe Outdoor Space Facility: which is called SOS, at 15th Avenue and Jackson, Patty speaks with them monthly. They are assisting with the unhoused and will assist if there are any issues with them in our area. They just got approved for zoning for another 4 years.

PCA Wiki page: needed to be edited because it was old. Ed sent out draft edits for wiki and our website and used his most recent research to update all.

Google page: Tom can "claim" the PCA on Google and make it verified so people can find it, review it, and make a Q/A section, and give directions/hours/etc.

Volunteer Hours Reminder - Please send your hours to Denise.

Meeting Adjourned 10:48 a.m

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Merry