

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

Thursday, January 2, 2025

PCA Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President
Cindy Lee, Vice President
Debe Branning
Jarrod Riddle
Ed Dobbins, Historian
Donna Carr
Kim Kasper
Mark Lamm

On Zoom

Lezlee Alexander
Jenn Merry
Val Wilson, Treasurer
Steve Schumaler

PCA Board Members absent:

Sterling Foster
Vicki Galli

PCA Advisory Board Members present:

Margy Parisella
Vivia Strang

PCA Advisory Board Members absent:

Brittany Hinegardner

Discussion/Action

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

Approval of December 2, 2024 Minutes: No corrections. Minutes accepted as presented to the board.

Treasurers Report: Report given by Val Wilson
as of December 1st - Beginning Balance - \$33,713.21
as of December 31st - Ending Balance - \$33,843.23

OLD BUSINESS

Jacob Waltz Dedication:

Dedication to be January 11, and the plans to be finalized after this meeting. More events to be planned in January and February. Debe suggested there were a lot of events happening in January and February and the group should take rack cards out to these events. Patty will advise Leslie the RSVP counts for the dedication.

Margy has a procedure written out for the event and a map to add to the book.

No questions on the reports from committees.

Frank Barrios Estate: Patty received a check from his estate for \$15,000, no restrictions on the donation. Patty reminds everyone he was a strong advocate for the Mexican American community in Phoenix, so we should be mindful of that when considering what to do with the funds.

Historian:

There was a handout from Ed, edited down to 1-page for the history of the cemetery. Edits and comments welcome, but a one page paper is easier to share with the public.

Question on who the audience was.

Answer: the General Public

Cindy says she went through it line by line and it was good.

Lezlee will put it on the website after it gets a logo etc. on it.

Preservation:

Cindy presented the dates for Preservation when Conservator Joe Ferranini will be here:

Feb. 8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,22,23

Will do plot fencing. Patty suggested that PCA makes sure to pay for whatever needs done to finish the plot fencing, because this may be the last time Joe comes out.

Mark says to check with Smith Pipe and Steel to see if they can donate or help. Cindy will have Steve or her son handle getting quotes from vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Debe mentioned Make and take Valentine's cards on January 25. Grave Marker Preservation fundraiser, then preservation begins. Need volunteers.

Need volunteers also for the Jacob Waltz methodology. People to watch the house and help people get down to the spot.

Ryan's service, January 4, will be zoom broadcast. His parents also donated some of his books and things.

No Hats and High Tea this year.

Historian report on the way.

More bios to be added – Facebook and Social media, Donna has three more to add.

Lezlee – thank you Donna for the 12 bios!

Volunteer Hours Reminder

Please send your hours to Denise.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Merry