

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

PCA Board Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Patty Gault, President
Cindy Lee, Vice President
Ed Dobbins, Historian
Debe Banning
Kim Kasper
Mark Lamm
Donna Carr
Jenn Merry
Vicki Galli

PCA Board Members absent:

Sterling Foster

On the Phone:

Val Wilson, Treasurer

PCA Advisory Board Members present:

Pamela Stewart
Judy Smith

PCA Advisory Board Members absent:

Marshall Shore
Ryan Vander Ark
Margy Parisella

PCA Members present:

Smurthwaite House

Tom Yount
Lezlee Alexander & T.J. Alexander
Brittney Hinegardener

Discussion/Action

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

Approval of April 4, 2024 Minutes: Minutes accepted as presented to the Board.

Treasurers Report: Val Wilson gave the treasurer's report:

as of April 1st	-	Beginning Balance - \$32,153.11
as of April 30	-	Ending Balance - \$35,466.18

OLD BUSINESS

Jacob Waltz:

The monument has been installed and fundraising is now over except the committee

is still expecting a \$300. donation from the Dons. A dedication ceremony should be considered for November.

History of PMMP Book:

The book is printed and has already sold many copies. Ed will make a PowerPoint presentation to the Sunnyslope Historical Society in June. The Arizona Chapter of Gravestone Studies is reviewing for a presentation and book sales. Judy asked for books to sell to DAR members. Kim suggested that Ed give a presentation to the PCA members on a Thursday. Lezlee suggested that Ed give a Zoom presentation.

Travis Manion Foundation Cleanup:

29 volunteers assisted with the installation of a new Military marker and cleaned up the surrounding areas in the cemetery. Tim has removed most of the debris/trash.

Memorial Day:

There will be a "simple" Open House and no formal program. The south end of the cemetery will be open for self-guided tours. Cindy has reached out to the Mason's Demolay group to help with any setup needed. Patty will reach out to the Sons of the Confederate Veterans representative and Bob Cox to ask about flag placement. Mark, David and Jason will do some cleanup at their next Tuesday workday on 5/14. On Memorial Day volunteers should arrive at 8:00 A.M.

Light Rail:

PCA was informed that survey work was being done in the area during the week of April 25. No other information available.

Memorial Markers:

Patty has placed each marker where it should be installed. She has tried to contact Polo and has received no response.

NEW BUSINESS

No questions on Committee Reports

UPCOMING EVENTS

-May 4, Mother's Day Brooch Fundraiser (currently 14 reservations) Debe is ready to "rock"

-May 27th, 9:00 AM, Memorial Day, members/organizations are welcome to visit and participate in a "non-structured" event. There will be an Open House with flags and refreshments. Visitors dressed in period dress are welcome to attend.

Smurthwaite House repairs scheduled for this summer:

Repairs for the house are to begin this summer. Once repairs begin, we may not have access to the house because of safety precautions. Security will be the responsibility of the contractor.

On May 20, 2024 Cindy Lee will receive an "Excellence Award" from the Museum Association of Arizona (MAA). Congratulations Cindy!

Vicki obtained a free dose of NARCAM from the Phoenix Public Library. She gave brief demonstration on how to administer. Spray and stand back. She encouraged others to pick up a free dose to have on hand.

Volunteer Hours Reminder

Please send your hours to Denise.

There will be a June Members Meeting on 6/6/2024, 10:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned at 10:34

City of Phoenix Parks & Recs meeting will be on 5/9/2024, 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kasper