

September 1, 2016
PCA Board Meeting

Attendees:

Mark Lamm, President
Sterling Foster, V.P.
Debe Branning, V.P.
Kim Kasper, Historian

Judy Smith
Denise Foster
Donna Carr
Susan Wilcox

Marshall Shore
Jason O'Neil
Cindy Lee
Derek Horn

- Mark called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Minutes for the May 5, 2016 were approved, as written.
- Treasurer's Report - \$38,250.06 total accounts, reported by Mark Lamm. Valerie Wilson has also received confirmation of an additional \$700.00 forthcoming from another Arizona State Historical Society grant she applied for. PCA is thankful for Valerie and her grant writing skills.
- Vivia Strang, Debe Branning and Jason O'Neil have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2017 Board of Directors election.
- Phoenix Revitalization Corporation (PRC), COP Parks & Recreation Dept. and PCA will work together on needed improvements at Cementerio Lindo. Future improvements will include irrigation watering, planting and creating a Memorial "Garden" Area. The Memorial "Garden" Area will have a marker with a statement regarding unknown burial locations. Families will be able to purchase markers to be placed in that area. PRC and P&R met on 8/31/2016.
- Mark introduced Derek Horn, author of "Midtown Phoenix" published by Arcadia Publishing. Derek has generously offered his assistance for the writing and publishing of the "Cemetery Book". Derek worked for the City of Phoenix for 18 years in Developmental Services and Planning and Development. He also serves on the Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission and has a "passion for history".
- Mark gave a progress report of the COP Capital Improvement projects:
 - shed – almost complete
 - outside handrails – installed, still need painted
 - curbing on Madison Street – complete
 - roof – complete
- Reviewed report from GPR (ground penetrating radar) survey performed at Cementerio Lindo. Sterling advised that "anomalies" that represent grave markers and burial shafts were detected.
- Judy Smith reported on the progress of the Dining Among the Dead (DAD) event planning:
 - Judy is a "little concerned" about low reservation count (60) confirmed.

- Judy and Kathy met with Marshall Shore regarding online reservations using “Event Brite”.
 - Members are encouraged to bring altar items, i.e., photos and mementos of passed loved ones.
 - Barbara Kliendiest (sp?), Kathy Laurier’s sister is busy requesting donations of raffle items. She has sent out 53 letters and received 21 donations.
 - Judy Smith met with the Ballet Folklorico de Tolleson dance director at P&MMP and discussed the routine the girls will perform. They will dance around the tables while the guests are seated.
 - Judy Smith will email the event flyer to the PCA membership list.
 - Easley’s Fun Shop is generously donating the rental cost of costumes for the “Soul Stroll” performers.
 - Judy Smith will meet with Casper Hombre and P & R Department regarding the sound system needs.
 - Committee still needs to find someone to hang lights. COP will not be able to assist.
- Still no volunteers for the gift shop committee. New “skeleton” T-shirts are for sale, \$15.00-\$18.00. Need ideas for merchandise to stock. PCA might want to consider purchasing a book rack to display books for sale.
- Not much progress on the “Burial Book” over the summer.
 - PRC generously donated \$357.00 in printing costs to PCA.
 - Cindy Lee presented the Grave Marker Preservation Project work books and materials. Cindy advised that Phase I is complete except for photos of 79 missing graves. Sterling will address photos with Cindy at the Grave Marker Preservation meeting following today’s BOD meeting. The project volunteers will be provided with a CD of all of the photos taken for the project. The committee is preparing to move on to Phase II.
 - Debe Branning reported that the “Doll Making” event is planned for 9/11/2016 and 25 tickets have been sold. PCA will buy refreshments; cost should be about \$50.00.
 - Sterling reported he has been in contact with the Boy Scouts Council and the Masons regarding future projects at P&MMP. His estimation is it will take approximately 3 more projects to complete the rock lining projects.
 - The PCA Tuesday schedule has been changed to the 2nd and 4th Mondays with a 6 a.m. start time. Jason O’Neil has been documenting all work done on Tuesdays.
 - Mark recommended that all PCA members that give Power Point presentations should be regularly trained in equipment operation.
 - PCA is considering a Field Trip to Bisbee. Possible date in February 2017.

- Debe Branning and Cindy Lee suggested future fundraising events of “Yoga in the Cemetery”, “Tunes in the Tombs” and publishing an adult “Cemetery Coloring Book”. Details to follow.
- The December Open House will be a membership drive.
- Valerie Wilson and Ron Laurier are planning a PCA Car Show/Cook Out fundraiser, tentatively schedule for 3/25/2017.
- Sterling to talk with Bob Cox regarding the “Fry’s Community Rewards Program”.
- Sterling has been in contact with Pamela Stewart, ASU Professor (Women’s History, U.S. History and Arizona History) regarding future class projects to be performed at P&MMP. No dates or programs scheduled at this time.
- Marshall Shore announced:
 - He has a “Big” birthday in September. As a celebration he has an exhibit at Chartreuse Gallery, 1301 Grand Avenue. The Gallery will be open the 1st and 3rd Friday. Perhaps PCA members could arrange a private show.
 - Marshall is working with Phoenix Pride, ASU and U of A to document gay and lesbian history in Arizona.
 - Marshall has a “Ghost Tour” scheduled for 9/23/2016.
- The November Annual Meeting (11/3/2016) will be a potluck.
- Next PCA Board meeting will be held on 10/3/2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Draft submitted by:
Kim Kasper, Historian
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