



Arizona Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Association

BOARD MEETING

St. Francis Cemetery • Phoenix, AZ

Thursday, March 9, 2017

MINUTES

In attendance:

Board

Hillary Adair, President
Mike Darus, Vice President
David Long, Secretary
Steve Palmer, Treasurer
Amie Gazda
Paul Neville
Joseph Lange
Russell Persinger
Greg Coury
Donna Backhaus
Steve Handley

Absent

David Walker
Butch Hampton
Liz Zeig

Guests

Stephanie McNaughton, Matthews-Aurora

Staff

Heather Long, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:45 AM by President Hillary Adair.

2. Business/Action Items

a. 2017 Annual Conference

The schedule is almost complete, we are just needing one more speaker for the last day. Hillary said that Liz Zeig has a contact at Sauder Caskets that would be willing to speak free of charge. Heather will be in contact with Liz to get that information. Otherwise information will be sent out to attendees and vendors towards the end of March, beginning of April.

b. Open Board Seats

There are three seats open in July 2017, two funerals and one cemetery. The board should begin thinking about recruiting new members to encourage involvement.

3. Reports

a. President's Report

Hillary is excited that she will be hosting a President's reception on Tuesday night after the Foundation Fundraiser.

b. Secretary/ Treasurer Report

A motion was made to accept the January 5, 2017 meeting minutes by Paul Neville, seconded by Steve Palmer. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee was formed to meet with Midfirst bank and another smaller investment firm to receive proposals for new banking and investment management. Heather will coordinate with Steve Handley, Russ Persinger and Steve Palmer to set up meetings.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer report as of February 28, 2017 by Paul Neville, seconded by David Long. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Executive Director Report

Heather will be attending CFAE Meeting July 19-21 in Coeur D'Alene, ID.

d. Legislative Updates

i. SB1295 & SB1296

SB1295 was killed in the Commerce Committee meeting on February 13th. As of today's board meeting, SB1296 has not been added to the agenda to be heard in the House of Representatives. John and Trish are still meeting with representatives to advocate on our behalf on our stance of voting no on SB1296. Updates are on the AFCCA website under legislation.

e. National Updates (NFDA/ICCFA/CANA)

i. NFDA

Registration for advocacy has been added to the website. There has not been much added to the agenda, it's been very quiet legislatively. Steve Palmer and Mike Darus will attend on behalf of the AFCCA. Heather will work Capitol Group to schedule meetings with the Congressmen/Women.

Steve Palmer's term as the NFDA Policy Board Rep for Arizona is ending in October of 2017, so we will need to appoint a new Representative by that point to take over.

ii. ICCFA

The annual convention will be April 4-6 in Nashville. Hillary Adair will be attending on behalf of the AFCCA. Fall Management Conference is in October within driving distance near Palm Springs, CA.

f. Supplier Rep Update

The students will be visiting Handley Precast for a tour and Phoenix Memorial for a mock graveside service on March 29th.

g. Foundation for Children Update

The spring golf tournament will be held May 4, 2017 at Stone Creek Golf Club in Paradise Valley. They are planning an 80s-themed trivia night fundraiser for the first night of the AFCCA Annual Conference.

h. Education Committee

This year they had 30 enrolled at the beginning of the year, and they have lost three, so 27 set to graduate. Graduation will be Thursday, May 11th at 10:00 AM at the Williams Campus in the Higley Room. They have one student that is attending the SCI Scholarship competition in Houston.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:41pm made by Hillary Adair. Seconded by Russ Persinger. Motion carried unanimously.

The next full board meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 10:30 AM, to be held at St. Francis Cemetery unless otherwise noted.