



Arizona Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Association

BOARD MEETING

St. Francis Cemetery • Phoenix, AZ
Thursday, July 12, 2016 • 10:30 am

MINUTES

In attendance:

Board

Hillary Adair, President
Mike Darus, Vice President
Steve Palmer, Treasurer
Russell Persinger
David Walker
Liz Zeig
Steve Handley
Donna Backhaus

Absent

David Long, Secretary
Paul Neville
Amie Gazda
Butch Hampton
Jeff Cruz
Greg Coury

Guests

None

Staff

Heather Long, Executive Director

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Reports**

a. **President's Report**

Hillary was very happy about the Convention – good attendance, vendors were happy attended

b. **Secretary**

Hillary Adair presented the minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting.

Motion to accept the May 5, 2016 report made by Steve Palmer, seconded by Amie Gazda. Motion carried unanimously.

c. **Treasurer**

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as of June 2016 made by David Walker, seconded by Hillary Adair. Motion carried unanimously.

d. **Executive Director**

Heather will be cancelling the Verizon Wireless account for the AFCCA/Foundation in August once the contract is up and signing up for a Google Phone Number. This is a free service, so will save the association \$1464 annually. Phone will be forwarded to Heather, but can easily forward to another board member and all messages are accessible online.

e. **Legislative Updates**

HB2693 Taxes on Funeral Services will be reintroduced in the 2017 Session. Heather will make John and Trish aware.

f. NFDA Update

- a. **Election** – Successful At Large Representative election. There were 5 nominees
- b. **FTC is Getting Busy Again – Association needs a voice**
- c. **DOL New Rule**

g. ICCFA Update

Nothing new to report

h. Supplier Representatives Update

Steve Handley was very happy with the close, intimate setting for the expo at the Convention.

i. Foundation for Children Update

Raised \$8200 from convention auction and comedy show fundraiser. The Foundation received a \$2000 grant from Sun City Rotary, and will be applying for Sprouts Farmers Markets Grant, and signed up with Amazon Smile that allows a percentage of each purchase to the Foundation. Moved \$2500 into the Investment Account.

j. Education Committee

Chandler/Gilbert Community College officially took over the Mortuary Science Program. 11 people attended the June cremation class.

3. Continuing Business

a. Foundation for Children Operating Costs

At this time, the AFCCA is not in the place to take on operating costs for the Foundation.

4. New Business

a. Membership Dues

There will be no increase in membership dues for 2017 for firms or suppliers

b. Fall Festival Planning

Heather is still investigating locations for the event and should have an update at the next board meeting.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 made by Hillary Adair. Seconded by Steve Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by David Long; prepared by Heather Long .The next full board meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 10:30 AM, to be held at St. Francis Cemetery unless otherwise noted.