

BOARD MEETING
Of
THE FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY FOUNDATION
FEBRUARY 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Wesley Odom, Ed Wallace, Bobby Riggs, Stephanie Joiner, Delores de la Rua Hayes, Hill Turner, Dwight Watson, and Emily Walby.

President Wesley Odom brought the meeting to order at 9:00am in the Gatehouse Chapel of St. John's Cemetery,

MURAL FOR GATEHOUSE

A main topic of discussion was choosing a mural to replace the missing stained glass window, which was removed from the chapel many years ago. Several artists' renditions were presented for review. After discussion, the board unanimously decided on a serene landscape to include a sunrise, a spray of magnolia blossoms, and a dove of peace as the central figure. Wesley Odom volunteered to relate the plan to the artist. The board approved a \$2000 expenditure to artist Sophie Houser.

TREES

Planting more trees in St. John's Cemetery has been an ongoing project for several years. The board accepted the proposal to spend \$1000 on a variety of trees for the cemetery. Hill Turner will contact a nursery. Wesley Odom and Dwight Watson will see what is available at Lowe's.

SJC MIGHT BE ESTABLISHING ANOTHER 501(C)3

Wesley explained that Jim Speed, SJC President, might be establishing a 501(c)3 organization to assist the cemetery obtain certain educational funding. Several board members questioned decision since FSJCF has the same designation. Wesley explained that SJC has not lost its confidence in the Friends but has increased our responsibilities by transferring ownership certificates for the Friends to issue.

OFFICE AND BATHROOM AT GATEHOUSE

With much work completed in the Chapel of the Gatehouse, Delores de la Rua Hayes made a motion that was accepted to clean and update the office and bathroom of the Gatehouse as a future project. Wesley will investigate and return proposals to the Board.

MEMBERSHIP

An annual membership dues of \$25 to FSJCF is used in part to publish and mail newsletters, the website and updating the database, and renovations to the Cemetery. Stephanie Joiner volunteered to send a friendly reminder to members to keep them up to date. Wesley will work with her in getting a postcard printed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.