

Minutes of Sept 9th 2013 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Wesley Odom at 4:45 PM CST 9 September 2013.. Board members in attendance were Bobby Riggs, Hill Turner, Edwin Wallace, Dwight Watson, Dolores De la Rua, Emily Walby, Wesley Odom, Eddie Zarran, and Jimmy Haynes.

Mr's Turner, Wallace & Riggs term was expiring and all 3 agreed to extend their term on the board with unanimous consent. Discussion regarding Hill Turner as an alternative board member was taken up. However due to all expiring board members agreeing to extend their terms the discussion died.

President Odom reviewed our finances and gave the Treasurer's report with Dwight Watson confirming a review and audit of our finances from the previous year.

Regarding the BP Grant of \$12,000.00. A portion of the grant money was used to establish and improve our date base on our website. The improvements include a list of famous and infamous former Pensacola residents that are buried in St. Johns.

The date of our Annual Meeting/ Memorial Service was set for Nov. 2nd from 9:00 AM until 10:00AM which coincides with All Saints' Day. Local Methodist Minister Nancy Watson of St. Mark United Methodist Church will preside at the service.

Charles Green has resigned as President of St. John's due to declining heath problems.

Water leak issues were discussed and what direction to take for a resolution to the problem was discussed. Pres. Odom will contact several irrigation contractors to determine the possible costs of repairs.

The website upgrades and enhancements were discussed and much credit was given to Emily Wiley for her volunteer work in this regard.

The number of burials at St. John's was discussed along with the availability of burial plots available at St. John's at the price of \$1,000.00 each. There was also some discussion regarding the status of residual dirt left from burials and how to dispose of it. The belief of some board members is there is a much as a 5 foot increase in the ground level cement driveway throughout certain areas in the cemetery. Agreement was there will be no more future storing of dirt.

There was discussion regarding repairs of the driveway with previous estimates of over 50K.

Agreement was reached to get estimates on the Burrowss Monument for restoration & repair. Pres. Odom informed all that this was part of the Impact 100 Grant that had been submitted by the organization.

Emily Walby offered to donate 50 flags to honor our Confederate War Veterans, who will be honored in the upcoming All Saints' Day Service.

The Impact Grant written by Jim Speed was discussed. The purpose of the grant was to preserve the property and surrounding area. The grant winners have not been announced. The winners are expected to be announced sometime in early October.

Discussion of a possible Cemetery Tour was brought up. Mention of a \$5.00 donation was brought up. There was no definite plan agreed to and the result of same is still pending.

The meeting was adjourned by President Odom at approximately 5:42 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted 10 September 2013,

Jimmy Haynes