

Friends of St. John's Historic Cemetery

Minutes - September 29, 2010 - 5:00 P.M. Bowden Bldg.

Rick Fountain, President, called the meeting to order at 5:12 P.M. Present were: Wesley Odom, Wayne Stephenson, Lynn Lewis, Bobby Riggs and Gordon MacKenzie. Minutes from the last meeting, June 23, 2010, were approved. Wayne Stephenson has accepted the position of treasurer. The by-laws need amending to split the office of secretary/treasurer into two positions. Wesley will check on the by-laws.

Wayne gave the following treasurer's report:

Contributions to date	\$1,846.00
Expenses to date	\$5,952.00
Expenses in excess of receipts	(4,106.00)
Beginning Cash	\$14,318.00
Ending Cash	\$10,212.00

The largest expense item was \$2,905 for the irrigation system which is a onetime expense. The next largest expense was for Accounting Services which will not be incurred in the future due to Wayne Stephenson's generosity. The treasurer's report was approved and accepted.

Rick stated the officers need to review the financial assets such as the roof and irrigation system. Officers need to adopt a budget for the remainder of the year and present it to the board.

Wesley reported on the meeting between the Friends and St. John's Corporation. Five members of St. John's corporation were present. A proposed MOU has been prepared but not finalized with the cemetery company.

Friends now own two internments (plots) donated to the organization by Betty Ann Butler.

The future location of a columbarium was discussed.

Roads - Rick talked to Mike Wiggins who said we might qualify for the city to pay for the roads. Rick will follow up with Mike and the City of Pensacola.

An Annual Campaign was discussed in honor of Ted & Jack's years of dedication and service to the Friends of St. John's. Rick was going to ask Dick Appleyard about a brochure which would publicize the campaign and list levels of gift giving. Donations

would lead to the naming of the gate house at the entrance to St. John's. We need to have a signed agreement with the masons before proceeding with the Annual Campaign.

Board members will be encouraged to identify and make known their future dreams for St. John's. The gatehouse, docents and paved roads were mentioned as top projects among many board members.

This year's commemoration event will be a picnic on the grounds, Sunday, November 7 from noon until 2 p.m. Wesley is chairing this event. The Friends will provide ham and chicken. Each guest is asked to bring a side dish.

It was suggested that we call the board members prior to the next meeting. Rick suggested we meet quarterly for the next 18 months. Future meeting dates are:

Jan 4, 2011
April 4, 2011
July 4, 2011
Sept 4 2011

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Lewis, Secretary SJHC