

Friends of St. John's Cemetery Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
August 21, 2014

Members present: Emily Walby, Dwight Watson, Hill Turner, Dolores De la Rúa, Edwin Wallace, and Wesley Odom

Wesley Odom called the meeting to order at 1630.

Paving Project: Wesley reviewed the paving project and how successful it was. The main arterial roads ride smoother and people drive slower on them. There is less "joy riding" reported in the cemetery. Also, SJC had moved the dumpster outside the gate so big trucks no longer enter the cemetery property.

Finances: Wesley reported favorable financial conditions for the Foundation. An audit committee led by Dwight Watson will analyze the finances and report to the main body at the annual meeting.

Halloween Ghost Tour: The Halloween Ghost Tour was discussed. Wesley read a proposed script, and a few minor modifications were made. Emily and Dolores thought they might be able to add a story each. Wesley asked for them as soon as possible. The Board approved of the fundraiser and script unanimously.

Impact 100 application: Wesley reported having applied for an Impact 100 Grant to erect a columbarium and facade along the exit of the cemetery. All members thought the idea was a smart one.

Annual Meeting: Preachers for the annual meeting on Nov. 1 were discussed. All liked the idea of getting ones from different faiths every year. No one offered suggestions. Wesley said he would find someone.

Trash: Dwight Watson suggested that once SJC's contract for the dumpster expires that SJC should get a big black garbage can, positioned near the Gatehouse. Wesley said he would forward this suggestion to Jim Speed, the president of SJC.

Nominees: The following Board Members were asked if they were interested in continuing their duties: Emily Walby, Dolores De la Rúa, and Dwight Watson. They all gave their interest. Dwight Watson also agreed to run for VP again. All these recommendations were unanimously approved to be forwarded to the body at the Annual Meeting.

Statues and trees: Dwight Watson suggested that the Foundation encourage people to donate money for trees and statues. All seemed interested in this and making the cemetery a diverse collection of native trees. Wesley said he would put the donation of trees into the newsletter.

Concrete benches: Edwin Wallace wants to donate some concrete benches back to SJC. They had been withdrawn years ago. The Board appreciated this gift.

Conclusion: With no more business, Wesley closed the meeting at 1725.