

MONUMENT RESTORATION COMMITTEE (MRC) MINUTES - SPRINGDALE CEMETERY
February 9, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jack Gove called to order at 12:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Allen Andrews, Nita Sunderland, George Kottemann, Bob Meals, Jon Austin, and Jack Gove.
Absent: Carolyn Kraft and Jeanette Hillyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Kottemann moved and Mr. Meals seconded to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010; passed unanimously. Mr. Kottemann moved and Mr. Andrews seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 3, 2010.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Chairman's Report: Chair Gove handed out the Financial Report showing the expenses through February 4, 2010, of \$18,985.69.

Committee on Bases and Foundations: Mr. Andrews reported that there were so many variables that he would like to split the report into two categories: Maintenance Type and Non granite, statuary, slabs and marble. After considerable discussion, Chair Gove suggested that the committee finish their report as best they can with the understanding that the MRC will create a Restoration Plan for Springdale and will address these issues. Mr. Andrews and Ms. Sunderland agreed, as did the remaining MRC members.

Mr. Andrews said he talked with Mr. Ron Volz, President of Master Craft Memorials, about getting their company's ideas of setting monuments. Mr. Kottemann suggested that Mr. Andrews, Ms. Sunderland, and Mr. Austin meet with Mr. Volz. There was consensus agreement to do so; Chair Gove asked Mr. Andrews to set up the meeting. He agreed.

Mr. Andrews shared his concerns about how to restore the bases of very large monuments. It was generally agreed that when that challenge comes up, it would be appropriate to consult a Civil Engineering firm to provide guidance and recommendations.

Report on Work Done Since Last Meeting: Ms. Sunderland reported that three stones were brought in from near the building and will be repaired soon. The snow fall that has occurred in the last few days has hampered getting stones brought into the shop. She mentioned there are many "orphaned" stones outside the shop and asked if they could be disposed of. Mr. Meals suggested that Mr. Volz be asked if he could use a way that would not be disrespectful - do this at the time the three above people meet with Mr. Volz. There was a consensus of approval.

The shop is very full. Ms. Sunderland suggested moving the "A" frame out of the shop. Mr. Austin mentioned at an earlier meeting that perhaps it could be disassembled and a place found to store the pieces. Mr. Austin suggested moving the truck out of the shop also. This would give us more space.

Ms. Sunderland mentioned that she fell yesterday in the snow and landed on her right elbow jamming her right shoulder.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Meals reported that he, Ms. Sunderland, and Mr. Austin reviewed the nine applications for Technicians and suggested they interview two of them. Chair Gove suggested they do so and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Austin handed out a quotation from Peoria Construction Company for the Storage Shed. This quote contains three options. The MRC favored Option #1 that is for \$15,945, which is valid until February 25, 2010, because steel prices are to increase after that date. Eric Garber indicated that another bid will hopefully be received by February 16, 2010. Mr. Kottemann moved and seconded by Mr. Meals that the MRC request funding from the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation (SHPF) for up to \$16,000 for the Storage Shed, and that if the third bid is acceptable and lower in price, the needed funds would be less; passed unanimously. If the SHPF agrees to fund the Storage Shed, the MRC would request approval to have the shed built.

Chair Gove brought up the need to have the concrete pad for the shed enlarged slightly, and the concrete could be poured at the same time as footings for the building posts are poured. The question of the type and size of the pad needed by the cemetery for new monuments being displaced should be resolved by the Springdale Cemetery Management Authority.

Mr. Austin reported on the Seminar held with presenters Mr. Hal Hassen and Ms. Cobb on February 3, 2010, by saying it opened a potential door for future advice. There could be a statewide consortium of cemeteries. He also said that there may be opportunities with the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Kottemann questioned a number of points in the minutes such as using pea gravel under bases, nylon pins, and epoxy and also, whether to fill the repaired cracks flush with the monument. Mr. Kottemann said these appear to be shorter term repairs than we have opted for. Some discussion followed, and Chair Gove said we would take more time in the future to discuss their application in Springdale.

Chair Gove reviewed the draft for requesting additional funding from the SHPF: Budget A is now approved; Budget B requests an additional \$8,355 for equipment rental and labor costs; Budget C requests an additional \$58,000 over the \$55,000 budget - this for the second crew and material/equipment rental. After considerable discussion, Mr. Allen moved and Mr. Kottemann seconded that the MRC request funding for the B budget, with the intention of looking later in 2010, toward Budget C; passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GUEST INPUT: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: The next meeting date is Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Meals agreed to be acting Chair and Secretary in Mr. Gove's absence.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Meals motioned and Mr. Andrews seconded to adjourn; passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Gove, MRC Chair