

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Kottemann moved and Mr. Meals seconded to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010; passed unanimously.

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

Chairman's Report: Chair Gove passed out the Financial Report that showed that all of the 2009 Grant of \$20,000 had been spent, and that expenses beyond that were \$200.76, plus another \$347.35, for a total of \$548.11. This and other expenses incurred will be invoiced to the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation (SHPF) for payment to Springdale Cemetery. Presently, the SHPF has approved \$55,000 for the 2010 MRC budget.

Committee on Bases and Foundations: Mr. Andrews had trouble with his computer, so he finished the report MONUMENT INSTALLATION AND RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS, V. 3/9/2010 by hand. We discussed many parts of the report, and made some suggestions, which Mr. Andrews and Ms. Sunderland will clarify/change and present at the next meeting.

Mr. Andrews and Mr. Austin met with Mr. Ron Voltz, President of Master Craft Memorials, to discuss various aspects of bases and foundations. Mr. Voltz said that four-inch bases are standard, and that another size would cost more; also, he recommended a separate base for vases.

Report on Work Done Since Last Meeting: Ms. Sunderland reported that all available broken stones had been repaired, and that the shop was full of repaired ones. Several stones that were brought in from outside were repaired and marked with an orange colored dot. Bryan Stewart has been laid off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Meals reported that Storage Shed Project must go through various approvals before construction can begin. First, is the Peoria Historical Commission, which meets the last Wednesday of the month. Our application would need to be given to them by March 24, so that it could be presented at the meeting of April 28. Second, approval of the City's Zoning and Planning Boards and then to the City Council. Chair Gove offered to contact the appropriate people to get the process started.

We discussed ad for Technician. It was agreed to place the ad with a border and change the wording to "Familiar with computer." Also, it is to be placed in the Peoria Journal Star on Sunday, April 11.

We discussed when to bring Bryan Stewart back, and that his performance should be documented. Ms. Sunderland will handle both of these items.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Austin reported that Dawn Cobb sent an email saying that Jason Church, National Park Service, is interested in coming to Springdale to provide training for the Peoria area. He would like to set up two steps, with the first one visiting Springdale to see and discuss the important issues, then come later to present a seminar. The earliest availability would be in October. We agreed to have Mr. Austin follow up and make arrangements.

We discussed the pros and cons of hiring laborers for full-time versus part-time. No conclusions were reached but will discuss it further.

GUEST INPUT: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kottemann motioned and Ms. Sunderland seconded to adjourn; passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Gove, MRC Chair