

MENDENHALL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL MEETING  
Mendenhall Police Station Meeting Room  
July 23, 2019  
5:00 PM

The Annual meeting was called to order by David Massey and he opened the Annual meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the Annual Board meeting July 24, 2018 were presented Betty Mangum. Motion was made by Jan Magee moved to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Jimmy Weathersby, all members approved.

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 having \$33,988.02 in the checking account and the perpetual fund \$153,372.57 was presented by Miriam Hopkins. Miriam gave a brief explanation of the increase in the last year's years expenditures were postage for three newsletters annual, holiday and Wreaths Across America in the last year, ordering memorial envelopes and equipment to help maintain the grounds of the cemeteries. There was no income on the sales of plots this fiscal year. The WAA netted over \$1300.00 income in addition to the contributions and memorials income. Tommy Lee made the motion to accept the annual financial report as presented, seconded by Jimmy Weathersby, and all members present approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Massey, President gave his report for the year. He said that the cemetery has improved in appearance during the year, with thanks to Allan Rankin, Curator's focus on the beauty and maintenance of the grounds. The cemetery shed has been replaced with a new shed that now allows adequate room for storage of equipment and housing the wreaths until they were placed on the Veteran's graves. Members of the Board have addressed issues with the funeral homes regarding plots cave-in. The hired gravediggers from the funeral homes are employed by the funeral homes and after burials these cave-ins occur and it has been requested that the funeral homes make contact with their grave diggers to return and repair. He mentioned that Tommy Lee, board member would be looking into investments later in the year for investment possibilities to see if the perpetual income can increase income.

Gaye Sullivan has created a Facebook page online to show progress within the cemeteries by comments and pictures posted She also coordinated the WAA day on December 15, 2018 that was well attended with families and volunteers. Also, the website for the cemetery has added list of the burials and information about the cemeteries. David mentioned that an audit is to be done by the association soon because the burial sites do not appear with correct rows listing in the existing burials report as posted on the cemetery's website. Veteran's graves have been identified with stickers to make their locations easier to locate and placed on every veteran's grave on Memorial Day.

## CURATOR'S REPORT

Allan Rankin gave his Curator's report stating that he had always viewed cemeteries as a sanctuary and made reference of his bible studies of cemeteries. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him this past year to work and assure that the cemeteries are maintained properly. He mentioned his appreciation of the purchase 2015 Yamaha vehicle that makes it easier to view areas in need. And mentioned that the cave-ins are less with the diggers packing dirt which prevents cave-ins. Perry Lee bushed bushhog the southwest part that is boggy area and suggested that dirt be moved to an area to use in the area. Two pieces of equipment has been purchased to trim trees and hedges. The ant beds are being poisoned with a spray that is steadily eliminating controlling the problem...The sheds with the equipment have been properly secured with all of the equipment.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Jan Magee and Perry Lee are rotating off this year. David Massey asked for nominations from the floor. Renee Williamson was nominated by Jan Magee and Gaye Sullivan nominated Jeff Scott for three-year terms. The nominations were closed by a motion from Jan Magee, seconded by Betty Mangum, approved by all members. Miriam Hopkins made a motion to accept both names nominated as board members, seconded by Jimmy Weathersby, approved by all members.

David Massey thanked all that attended the Annual Meeting and made a motion to adjourn the 2019 Annual Meeting, Betty Mangum seconded and approved by all present.

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Betty Mangum, Secretary