

Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday/July 19, 2022, 5:04PM

FBC Family Life Center

Members present:

- David Massey
- Mike Ponder
- John Coleman
- Miriam Hopkins
- Reenie Williamson
- Judy Palmer
- Gaye Magee-Sullivan
- Betty Sue Mangum
- Tommy Lee
- Allan Rankin - Curator

Member not present:

- Jeff Scott

This Annual Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by David Massey, President. John Coleman delivered the opening prayer.

Richard and Ruth Rankin attended MCA Annual Meeting as guests.

President David Massey requested Allan Rankin provide his Curator Report.

1. **Curator Report** – Allan Rankin (see attached documented calendar of events for mid-April to mid-July)

President Massey asked Allan to speak to the Cemetery Board about the recent vandalism in the cemetery.

- There was an attempt to steal Entrance/Exit signs. The complete removal was not successful. Discussion about the operation of the cemetery cameras that have been used in the past.
 - The vandals are probably young kids walking around neighborhoods with no adult supervision.
- 2. **Review of minutes from April 19, 2022 MCA meeting** – Reenie Williamson
 - Tommy Lee motioned to accept minutes and Betty Sue Mangum seconded. Other members approved.
- 3. **Financials** – Judy Palmer
 - Judy Palmer reviewed financials as of June 30, 2022
 - Assets in Checking and Savings Accounts = \$45,616.71
 - Perpetual Funds Balance = \$198,693.06
 - Expenses were down.
 - Motion made to accept Financials by John Coleman, seconded by Tommy Lee, and all members approved.
- 4. **Other Items**
 - President Massey reviewed The President's Newsletter
 - The storm damage on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022
 - The delay on purchase of Shorter property because of the Easter storm
 - The City of Mendenhall now fines funeral homes for not communicating with Mendenhall Cemetery Association
 - Alley trees removal – we have a contract with Bruce Lewis to cut the trees but it has not happened. Entergy Utility must cut power lines before trees can be removed.
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5. Review of Rules and Regulations

- Burial site markers
 - The family of the deceased has the responsibility of where to place the headstone.
 - MCA does not tell family where to place it.

6. Procedures to Follow

- David reviewed this section and noted corrections/deletions (review of handouts)
 - Miriam motioned to accept, John Coleman seconded motion, no objections.

7. New Items

- Richard Rankin offered his compliments to the MCA website and links to “Find a Grave.”
 - Status of Board Members for MCA
 - Mike Ponder will roll-off the Board and was managing the signage.
 - Betty Sue Mangum nominated Curtis Boyte as new Board member
 - Tommy Lee motioned to accept nomination and Gaye Sullivan seconded.
 - Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM
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