

Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc.

2023 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday/July 18, 2023

Family Life Center/First Baptist Church

5:02PM

Members present:

- David Massey
- Jeff Scott
- John Coleman
- Miriam Hopkins
- Gaye Sullivan
- Betty Sue Mangum
- Judy Palmer
- Reenie Williamson
- Curtis Boyte

Member not present: Tommy Lee

John Coleman made motion to run the Mendenhall Cemetery Association (MCA) Annual and Regular Board Meetings concurrently.

Allan Rankin opened the MCA meeting in prayer.

President David Massey asked Allan to present the Cemetery Curator Report:

Curator's Report

Allan started as Cemetery Curator in 2018 and the "cemetery" has become like a child to him.

A brief list of tasks that Allan performs at cemetery:

- removal of limbs
- removal of outdated/plastic floral arrangements
- killing fire ants
- repairs, as needed
- dirt fill-ins

Various events over the year correlated with the cemetery's history:

1. December 14, 2022: Wreaths Across America
 - a. The truck delivered 38 boxes of wreaths
2. January 27, 2023: Storage Locker key returned to Joe McGuffee. Long-term storage unit was donated to MCA by the Church of Mendenhall (formerly the First United Methodist Church).
3. April 15, 2023: Headstone cleaning presentation

Cemetery plastic trash barrels were cleaned and Allan's granddaughter painted festive scenes on each.

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New Goals for cemetery management:

- Water control
- Systemic removal of grasses around older military markers
- David asked Allan to check K2 grave markers. Wrong plot.
- Fred Laird and Sara Laird - found grave marker buried under soil and Allan will clean-up

F Corner – A family had member to be buried in cemetery and water filled-up gravesite. This was in the southeast area of Section F.

The Cemetery Board will provide option to family to have another plot in the same section.

We need to get the wet area surveyed and sell plots (8-gravesites) as family plots.

Review of Meeting Minutes

A. Review of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

- Jeff Scott motioned to accept the 2022 Annual Minutes; seconded by John Coleman. All members in agreement to accept.

B. MCA Minutes reviewed from the April 18, 2023 meeting.

- Betty Sue Mangum motioned to approve/accept April MCA meeting minutes; seconded by Jeff Scott. All members accepted.

Review of Financials

- Judy Palmer presented Financials and comparison between 2022 and 2023. Overall, MCA had a good year.
- Motion made to accept financials by Jeff Scott and motion seconded by John Coleman.

MCA Mailout Update

The MCA Mailout is now in tri-fold form.

- There are 480-hardcopies for mailing.
- David has made application for non-profit status o/b/o MCA and is awaiting request.

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Miscellaneous

- a. Diamond K Lawn Mowing, contractor that cuts cemetery lawns, has sold to a sub-contractor David's Lawn Service.
- b. MCA acknowledged great work by Curtis Boyte on the Cemetery Bulletin Board.
- c. Suggestion made by Jeff Scott to invest in a battery-operated sprayer for Allan. He can use it from the cart on his rounds in the cemetery.

Open Items

- a. Alley stump removals
 - o David will get with Sheriff Paul Mullins regarding tree-stump removals. These are the remains from tree removals located along fence between the Sheriff's Office property and the Mendenhall Cemetery.
- b. MCA Mailout
 - o For the first time, donors to MCA were listed by name. Good feedback received.
- c. Selling of gravesite plots
 - o Someone who understands the process needs to sell plots

Next MCA meeting 10/17/2023, 5:00PM.

Adjournment at 6:03PM