

**Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting, January 21, 2015**

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the Fairmount Cemetery office. Members present were Jackie Martin, Eva Moutos-Choate, Angela Williams, Katie Johnson, Ann West, Eva Horton, Jean Johnson, Mary Jane Steadman, Beverly Stribling and Kay Rork. Candice Brewer, David Byrd and Carl White were also present.

Jackie Martin called the meeting to order at 9:30am. There was no public comment. Minutes of the December 2014 meeting were approved as written.

David Byrd, Executive Vice President of First Financial Trust & Asset Management Company gave a report on the Trust performance ending 12/31/14. The earnings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014 were 1.33%. That would be considered a challenging quarter. Contributions were made to our funds during that quarter of \$7,000.00. Yearly earnings were 5.94% on a conservative portfolio. The portfolio is basically divided 2/3 fixed income and 1/3 equities. This would generally be considered a conservative portfolio with a low risk profile.

Carl White gave an update on the restrooms in the cemetery. SKG has been hired to test the soil around the existing restroom. A discussion followed on the possible use of portable toilets until a permanent structure can be built.

Carl White reported on RFB for the Columbarium. There was only one bid from Mid-Tex of Midland. The proposed bid came in over budget. The city will renegotiate the bid to try and bring it back on budget.

Katie Johnson brought up the need for signage and trash receptacles in the cemetery. Both signage and trash receptacles need to be in keeping with the architecture of Fairmount Cemetery.

Oscar Mota gave the financial report for December 2014. During the month of December the cemetery had 9 regular funerals and 0 cremains funerals. Oscar sold 6 containers and 2 spaces during the month of December.

Katie Johnson reported on the progress of rewriting the rules for flower and article placement on graves. Katie and Estelle Eckert will continue to work on the rewriting of the rules for flower and article placement on graves.

Candice Brewer reported for Friends of Fairmount. Friends of Fairmount is working on updating their website. The Christmas wreath fundraiser was a success. Candice also reported that Friends of Fairmount is working on Goals and Objectives.

Ann West reported on the land trade between Angelo State University and the city. The City Council unanimously approved the tank removal.

Future Agenda items for next month's meeting will be finalizing prices for niches at the columbaria and rewriting the flower and article policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eva Moutos-Choate*

Eva Moutos-Choate, Secretary