

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Members present were: Donna Crisp, Vice President, Tina Bean, Eva Choate, Amy Deadman, Susan Mertz, Cora McGowan, Rebecca White and Ann West.

Members absent were: Kay Rork, Beverly Stribling, Kam Stribling, Martha Visney and Angela Williams.

Also present: Jeremy Walker, Fairmount Cemetery Supervisor, Carl White, COSA Director of Parks and Recreation.

Present for Public Comment: Charles A. Westbrook, Ewell L. Loudermilk, King Walker, Steve Melton, Golda Foster, David McMahan, Mike Taylor and Brian Wedgeworth.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Donna Crisp at 9:31 a.m.

Several members of the community were present for public comment to voice their comments, questions and concerns regarding the current flag policy for Fairmount Cemetery. Donna Crisp thanked them at the conclusion of their comments for attending today.

Jeremy Walker introduced Joe Henry Rodriguez, our newest member to the cemetery staff after the retirement of Henry Davis. Mr. Rodriguez was welcomed to the team.

Tina Bean moved and Cora McGowan seconded that the minutes of October 18, 2023 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeremy Walker reviewed the Fairmount financial reports for October and November. There were 7 regular and 3 cremation services in October and 3 regular and 1 cremation service for November. 203 available spaces for sale remain. See the attached report for a complete breakdown of revenue and expenses.

Ann West reported that the current tree planting program created by Donna Crisp, will allow memorial trees to be planted under the supervision of Jeremy Walker. Carl White suggested a budget line item could be created allowing the collection of memorial funds for this purpose. He suggested Jeremy Walker contact Ryan Gaddy, Assistant Director of Finance, COSA to complete this request.

Ann West also reported for Friends of Fairmount that the flag placement in preparation for the Veterans Day program was very well attended. Congressman August Pfluger was this year's guest speaker.

Consideration of future agenda items: Flag Policy

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2023.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann West for Beverly Stribling, recording secretary,

