Minutes of Fairmont Cemetery Board Meeting City of San Angelo, Texas Fairmount Cemetery Office 1120 West Avenue N 9:30 A.M. –February 21, 2024

After posting the required legal notice, Fairmount Cemetery Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Members present were: Kam Stribling, President, Tina Bean, Amy Deadman, Eva Choate, Cora McGowan, Ann West, Kay Rork and Beverly Stribling, Recording Secretary. Members absent were: Donna Crisp, Vice President, Jackie Martin, Martha Visney, Susan Mertz and Rebecca White and ex-officio member Courtney Mahaffey.

Additional attendees were Jeremy Walker, Fairmount Cemetery

The meeting was called to order by President Kam Stribling at 9:33 a.m.

Kam called for Public Comment:

Charles Westbrook reminded the Board that the celebration of San Jacinto Day was coming up on April 21, 2024. He brought a packet of images of most of the flags which have flown over Texas. He added that there are others. Many of these flags have traditionally been flown during the San Jacinto Day celebration at Fairmount. (See attached)

Minutes of the January meeting were distributed. Kam called for approval. The San Jacinto celebration was listed as April 12, 2024. It should have been Aril 21, 2024. Ann West moved and Tina Bean seconded approval of the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeremy Walker, Fairmount manager, reported on income and expenses (see attached). There are currently 198 spaces available in Fairmount. We had a water leak on the cemetery grounds. Upon its repair, COSA reimbursed Fairmount for estimated water usage caused by the leak. (See attached.)

Ann West reported on the Pleasant View Cemetery memorial progress. The Pleasant View Memorial Committee was formed. Members are: Ann West, Billie Dewitt, Jackie Martin, Cora MdGowan, Jeremy Walker, Carl White, Sally Ayana and Clara Freeze.

The West Texas Collection at ASU currently stores the records of Stark's Funeral Home on burials in Pleasant View Cemetery. The committee met with representatives of The West Texas Collection, Dr. Aubrey Medler and Shannon Strum to coordinate plans for a memorial in Pleasant View Cemetery. The group decided to erect a monument and use QR codes to tell the stories of those buried there.

The committee is also pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding between Friends of Fairmount and the San Angelo Area Foundation to allow contributions to the Area Foundation to specifically support this project.

Ann West Moved and Tina Bean seconded that our future meetings be held at Station 618, located at 618 South Chadbourn in order to provide full access to the public who might wish to attend. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kam appointed a bylaws review committee to review the bylaws and recommend changes if any are needed in order to update our bylaws. Eva Choate will chair the committee and members will be Cora McGowan, Tina Bean and Amy Deadman.

Kam also announced the resignation of Angela Williams. Kam appointed a nominating committee to recommend people to replace her on our Board. Ann West will chair that committee. Members will be Kay Rork and Beverly Stribling.

Kam reported that the Friends of Fairmount Board would be meeting Monday, March 18 at noon at First Financial Bank. Kam asked for future agenda items.

Suggestions were:

San Jacinto celebration flags, a markers damage policy report from Angela Williams, cemetery benches, a plan for planting trees as memorials in Fairmount and the fence.

Jeremy reminded the Board that Fairmount would be celebrating in April, Adam's 21st year of working at the cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stribling, Recording Secretary