Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors Minutes Regular Meeting, December 17, 2014

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at the Fairmount Cemetery office. Members present were Eva Horton, Angela Williams, Jackie Martin, Eva Choate, Ann West, Donna Crisp, Kay Rork, Beverly Stribling, Estelle Eckert, Katie Johnson, Susan Mertz, Mary Jane Steadman and Chris Holt. Candice Brewer was also present.

Eva Horton called the meeting to order at 9:30am. There was no public comment. Minutes of the November 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Oscar Mota gave the financial report for November. As of November 30, we are \$2600 under budget for the fiscal year, which began in October. During the month of November, the cemetery had 7 regular funerals and 3 cremains funeral. Oscar also sold 5 containers and 4 spaces during the month. During the month, memorial trees were planted to honor long serving board members Carolyn Cargile and Bitsy Stone. Additionally, 17 stumps were removed.

Katie Johnson and Estelle Eckert are working tirelessly on rewriting the rules and regulations for article placement. They are also working on how to better communicate these policies to the general public so there is no confusion or consternation.

The city has sent out a RFB for the construction of the Columbaria. Construction should begin in early 2015. A meeting was to be held on December 17th for those interested in bidding on the project. Eva Horton is continuing to work on pricing alternatives for the niches so that selling of niches can commence.

Donna Crisp reported that the trees and plaques honoring retired board members have been installed. A presentation for the honorees will be held after the January board meeting.

Candice Brewer reported for Friends of Fairmount. The wreath campaign netted a profit of \$6,000 to \$7000 with 67 individual wreaths and 17 sponsor wreaths being sold. The ASU Connect group will partner with Friends of Fairmount assisting with logos, banners and media packages for the Stones and Bones event.

Eva Horton officially passed the gavel to Jackie Martin and the new Executive Board. Thanks to Eva for her outstanding stewardship the past 2 years.

Future Agenda items for next month's meeting will be finalizing prices for niches at the columbaria, rewriting the flower and article policy and hearing a report on the Trust performance by David Byrd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela D. Williams, Secretary