



6/4/2018

The Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries Board of Directors meeting was held on June 4, 2018 at the City of Grandville D.P.W. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Suzanne Rowland.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: President Suzanne Rowland, Vice President Stacy Loar-Porter, Board Members: Tom Drougel, Al Dumond, Deb Cloud and Kathy Funk. Absent was Secretary/Treasurer Kirk Caithamer, Board Member: Kevin Gebhard.

The minutes from last meeting were read by Rowland. Motion to accept was made by Dumond and 2nd by Drougel. 5 yeas and 0 nays, carried. *Funk abstained due to not being a board member at the time.*

The financial report was read by Rowland. Motion to accept was made by Loar-Porter and 2nd by Funk. 6 yeas and 0 nays, carried.

Old Business:

2018 Conference:

1. The Board reviewed the details for the 2018 MAMC Annual Conference. The dates will be August 15th thru August 17th, 2108. Speakers:
 - a. Wednesday night- James Baker
 - b. Thursday morning- Cindy Dodge
 - c. Thursday afternoon- Tom Borg
 - d. Friday morning- Roundtable discussion lead by Dumond and Drougel
2. Conference Tasks
 - a. Check in & Registration – Caithamer & Loar-Porter
 - b. 50/50 Drawing- Dumond & Drougel
 - c. Door prizes- Cloud & Funk
 - d. City Gift Exchange- Loar-Porter & Cloud
3. Board reviewed menu for the conference.
4. Rowland gave an update on Cemeterian of the Year Award. She will order the award.
5. Loar-Porter and Caithamer will each spend \$150 on prizes for door prizes, Drougel has also received some donations for prizes.
6. Rowland encouraged the board to keep their ears open at the conference; what members like/do not like about the conference.

2019 Conference Update:

1. 2019 Conference will be held at Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City. The contract has been signed.
2. Dates are 8/14-16
3. Starting thinking of possible speakers. One Option having software companies each give a presentation on their products. Other ideas were; Native American burials, knotweed, Cindy Dodge, Veterans headstones and services for funerals.
4. Will discuss more at the Wednesday meeting. Possibly send a survey out at the end of this year's conference.

MAMC Survey:

1. Will have members complete the survey every 2 years. When a new member joins we need to send them the survey to complete.

Online Presence:

1. Facebook page is up
2. Loar-Porter resent out links to the members to log into the 'members only' part of the website

MAMC Bylaws:

1. Loar-Porter has placed the bylaws in Google docs, a link has been sent that allows all board members to log in and make suggested changes.

Non Profit Networks:

1. Rowland gave an update on non-profit network. They suggested liability insurance for the board, same type of coverage that other associations have. It appears bonding is not necessary. Rowland read an update from Caithamer_____ (paste in)
2. Loar-Porter asked that the Board review whether the MAMC should be bonded and/or have liability insurance.

Succession of Officers:

1. Need to start thinking of a succession plan for when board members change. Job Descriptions for the officers would be helpful.

IRS Update:

1. Rowland updated on the status on the IRS status. The IRS stated the application is on a holding pattern, but that it should be wrapped up within 180 days.

New Business:

1. Thank you gift for Melvin Brown.
2. Loar-Porter will draft a resolution of appreciation.
3. Rowland is sending the board an article from non-profit about storytelling.

The next meeting was set for August 15, 2018 at the Bavarian Lodge. The meeting start time will be at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Loar-Porter and 2nd by Dumond. 6 yeas and 0 nays, carried.

a.m. Meeting ended.

Stacy Loar-Porter
Vice President
MAMC