



11/16/2021

The Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries, Board of Directors meeting was held on November 16th, 2021 at the City of Grandville, Public Works Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Stacy Loar-Porter.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: President Stacy Loar-Porter, Vice President Elizabeth Whitt, Secretary/Treasurer Kirk Caithamer. Board Members: Tom Drougel, Kevin Gebhard, Suzanne Rowland and Hillary Sohn. Absent was Lyra Webb.

The minutes from last meeting were read by Caithamer. Motion to accept was made by Gebhard and 2nd by Drougel. 7 yeas and 0 nays, carried.

The financial report was read by Caithamer. Motion to accept was made by Whitt and 2nd by Gebhard. 7 yeas and 0 nays, carried.

Business:

1. Caithamer reported that 109 adults and 7 children registered for the annual conference. There were 71 membership groups represented. \$14,992.00 was received for the conference and \$17,491.04 was spent. Net loss was -\$2499.04
2. The Board reported great feedback on the Conference and the survey results that Loar-Porter received backed that up. The luau theme banquet was a success and the association will look to have another one at a future conference
3. Improvements for the 2022 conference will include having pens and pads of paper for each person. Having logo gift bags will also be looked at.
4. The conference location for 2022 will be the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth MI. The dates will be August 17th ~ August 19th.
5. The Board talked in length about different presentations that could be made at the 2022 Conference. Loar-Porter made the following assignment to board members to see if they could lock in speakers to attend the conference: Loar-Porter and Gebhard, cemetery landscaping and/or a sexton 101 class. Whitt, cemetery software presentation. Caithamer, Cindy Dodge and a tombstone 101 class.
6. Sohn will check on prices for a trip on the Bavarian Belle Riverboat cruise for everyone that registers.
7. 2022 conference registration fees were discussed. The board, after hearing of the net loss of the 2021 conference, talked about streamlining the admission fees and also increasing them. The new rates would be \$139.00 per person for the complete conference. \$129.00 for Thursdays conference only. \$59.00 for children 12 or younger. Motion made by Gebhard and 2nd by Loar-Porter. 7 yeas and 0 nays, carried.
8. The MAMC general fund will spend \$300.00 on door prizes again for the 2022 Conference. Loar-Porter and Caithamer will be in charge of purchasing them.
9. The MAMC will not have a themed banquet in 2022. It will revisit the idea for the 2023 conference.
10. 2023 conference contract has been signed by Loar-Porter and Caithamer. The location will be the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City MI. The dates will be August 16th ~ August 18th.
11. Loar-Porter stated that she is still working with the new website host and it should be ready to go early in 2022.
12. Kathy Funk, from the Charter Township of Flint, has taken a new job at a different employer and has resigned from the MAMC. A replacement will be looked at for the 2022 conference.

13. Cemeterians of the Year Nominations are now being accepted. Loar-Porter will put a reminder in an email when membership applications are being sent. The deadline for a nomination will be May 1st, 2022.
14. Loar-Porter will work on a new survey to send to the membership. It will ask about burial and grave costs, size of the cemetery, how many and types of burials per year and everything else has to deal with cemetery operations.
15. Rowland will help confirm contact names and addresses for next year's membership drive.
16. Gebhard will work on getting logo gift bags, pads of paper and pens to hand out at next year's conference.
17. Caithamer asked permission to look at prices for a memorial for our past, current and future MAMC Presidents. Agreed by the board to proceed with this.
18. Caithamer informed the board that our bank TCF, has changed hands and is now Huntington Bank.
19. Caithamer reported that the Liability and D & O Insurance price would stay the same as it was in 2021.

Miscellaneous Business:

The next two meetings were confirmed for March 8th and June 7th, 2022 at the City of Grandville Public Works Building. The meeting start times will be at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Drougel and 2nd by Gebhard. 7 yeas and 0 nays, carried.

11:55 a.m. Meeting ended.

Kirk Caithamer
MAMC Secretary/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved by the MAMC Board at this time.