

Galt Arno Cemetery District Minutes

Meeting October 28, 2020

Guy Rutter called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

Roll Call to establish a quorum: Guy Rutter, Manuel Rocha, George Hegner. Also, in attendance Belinda Ellis, District Manager.

Public Comments: None at this meeting.

New Business:

Día De Los Muertos Review – The event was a success, given the COVID conditions we were under. Father Miguel from St. Christopher's Catholic Church celebrated mass. Father stayed away from those attending, and there were no chairs. People were encouraged to bring their own chairs if they desired. People did a great job of appropriately social distancing.

Entertainment consisted of Aztec Dancers – in addition to performing, they went around to all the alters and blessed them. Ballet Folklorico came, danced, and entertained those present, as usual they did a wonderful job. Lastly, there were Mariachis and as they played they wandered the cemetery, it was wonderful hearing the music through the cemetery.

We had 3 Food Vendors that came and did well. They probably would have done better had we not had to have the social distancing guidelines set up. People were able to purchase food and go and eat elsewhere as no tables or chairs were set up.

Alters were set up on the family's graves. This proved extremely popular to those who set up alters – approximately 25 families set up. There was also a community alter available and it listed all the families we had served in the past year.

We did have a negative reaction on the Facebook page, and one of those also called and left a message. We were unable to address the message left on the machine as they did not leave a number.

Begin Expansion Plan – It was discussed to begin the planning of our expansion project. We will be having a Zoom meeting with Erik Lees from Lees & Associates – Landscape Architects and Planners. This is scheduled for our next meeting. We will also be contacting a few other planners to get us going in the right direction.

Old Business:

Red Branson Tractor – Moved to the November meeting.

Consent Calendar:

Action items may be approved through a single motion. George Hegner made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Manuel Rocha. All in favor.

Announcements/Correspondence:

We received a Nomination form for "Office B" Membership on Special District Advisory Committee, with LAFCO. The Board members are taking this under advisement and deciding if they possibly want to. Nominations are due February 15, 2021.

Adjournment:

Manuel Rocha made a motion to adjourn the meeting until November 18, 2020 at 11:00AM via Zoom. Seconded by George Hegner. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda N. Ellis
District Manager