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PRAIRIE VIEW MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting - May 12, 1967

Beginning Time: 7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Prairie View Memorial Park Association was called to order by Mr. Erric Johnson, acting chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of May 3, 1967 were read and adopted.

Prior to any business transactions Mr. O. J. Thomas made several statements pertaining to the constitution. This was a result of questions being asked by Mr. J. L. Boyer.

Comments on various phases of the articles were made by some members present.

Members are to pay a fee in addition to the money paid for lots. This is for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Committees are to be selected. There are many other phases to be worked out. This includes meeting places, etc.

We are in the process of making changes.

A tentative diagram of the cemetery plot was shown by Mr. Erric Johnson.

Dr. Norris inquired as to the duties of this committee. At this time it was generally understood that this committee's function is to organize previous actions by the Prairie View Memorial Park Association, to bring such actions up to date, and to plan an outline for presentation to the association membership.

Mr. J. C. Williams complemented Mr. Thomas' report and stated that a composite form should be made of the existing constitution drafts which will embody the terms of the instrument conveying use of the land as described by the A&M System.

A motion by Dr. Norris that the constitution committee continue to work and have a report for the next association meeting was moved, seconded and carried.

It was suggested that this committee work to bring to order the work prior to the next association meeting. This committee was informed that the county residence engineer would lay out the basic plot plan for a fee of \$100.00. If the complete plans are provided the residence engineer, the cost would be considerably more. This committee decided to delay a decision of the proposal until a later date.

It was recommended that a lawyer be contacted to do the legal matters of the business transactions.

Articles of agreement were discussed by the group and it was stated one should be obtained for registration purposes. Some A & M officials' signatures should be in evidence on the instrument conveying the right to use this land for the purposes of a Memorial Park Cemetery.

Dr. Norris stated that we should have a conference with President Thomas in getting matters into the proper channels.

Mr. Boyer suggested that from reading of the papers on hand, certain terms may be stated or restated in order that a better clarification be made. The term "not selling or deeding" to any one would negate the need for a legal deed to individual plots.

Each receipt for cemetery should show the Lot Number, Block Number, the Amount Paid, and the Unpaid Balance.

These will be for the protection to the owners, guaranteed by the integrity of the Prairie View Memorial Park officials.

If any persons have not suggested their plots, definite procedures should be made to clear indebtedness and make positive identification of the desired lots.

The original copies of the transactions should be found and studied. These will probably help solve several problems. It was suggested that Dr. J. L. Brown may be of service in giving some pertinent information.

A registration of the county seems to be a solution to us in the future.

Conference with the college president may be the avenue to the future procedures. It was felt that planning of the plot and getting appraisals of the proper source will be the things of greatest concern.

Markers were discussed. Arrangements should be made for perpetual care. Some are protected through an endowment. Graves in many places are arranged so that one who mows does not get off his mower to do a good job.

The college takes care of the cemetery now, but it is felt that continuing provision should be made.

Mr. O. J. Thomas recorded several statements of things to be discussed with the college president.

The county-built roads--it has been dedicated to the county.

Selecting ways of marking sites were discussed. Blocking the parcels will make the identification easier.

Selecting grave sites are somewhat irregular because of the differences of opinions.

Industrial Ed., Maintenance, Building and Grounds, etc., should be mentioned when an approach is made to the President of the College.

It was recommended that the entire committee and the President Emeritus, Dr. E. B. Evans, meet with Dr. A. I. Thomas for the purpose of

bringing into focus the objectives, plans, and operational procedures for the Prairie View Memorial Park Association. Tentative dates for the meeting were set for May 29-31, 1967. The dates were chosen in an attempt to accomodate the College President's busy schedule. In a review of the existing committee drafts, it was noted that the officers of the association must be elected by the membership and not appointed by the Board of Directors as was previously and generally understood. Officers to be elected by the membership are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Maintenance Chairman, Finance Chairman and Historian.

All committees were instructed to complete their work and be prepared to make presentation prior to the meeting with Dr. A. I. Thomas.

It was moved and properly seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m., May 12, 1967.

E. M. Norris, Chairman

Mrs. G. K. Tapscott, Secretary