

Committee for the Restoration and Beautification of Randolph Cemetery

Summary Board Minutes

March 19, 2009

Attendees: Dr. Carlos L. Smith-President, Maeward Belk-Secretary, Cornell Boyd-Treasurer, Staci Richey, Elaine Nichols, Regina Monteith, and Keilah Spann.

I. Call to Order/Prayer

President Carlos Smith called the meeting to order at the Simkins House. Prayer was given by Cornell Boyd, Treasurer. .

II. Review of the February 19th Meeting Notes

The February minutes were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were approved with necessary corrections. Corrections were noted. After the review of the minutes, Carlos stated that we need a place to house our materials. Elaine Nichols suggested we store our records at Historic Columbia Foundation office. Debbie Bloom local history manager of the Richland County Public Library will scan items and archive them for us. She is looking to enhance the local history room at the RCPL. Carlos made a call for artifacts.

III. Treasurer's Report

Cornell Boyd, the Treasurer, reported that the balance in First Citizens Bank was \$2,240.89. A check in the amount of \$112.00 from the Columbia Housing Authority will be deposited in the First Citizens account. There is still a balance of \$376.47 in the BB&T account. Carlos stated we need to know the status of the lease and also obtain a copy of the lease. He also inquired of the status of the 501(c)(3). Historic Columbia Foundation issued a check in the amount of \$700.00 to cover Federal and State 501 application fees. As of March 19, the check had not cleared. Carlos stated that we need to find out the status of applications at both the State and Federal levels. Cornell Boyd stated that grass cutting of the cemetery is paid to Mrs. Lawry by Historic Columbia Foundation.

IV. President's Update

A. Member Questionnaire – Vision Statement

Carlos gave a handout with information about developing a vision state. After some discussion the group used Staci Richey's version as a basis for the Committee's Vision Statement. Following is the vision statement composed at the March 19 meeting:

To see Randolph Cemetery as a beautifully restored, secure, cultural heritage site, to encourage the community to visit and enjoy it and insure continued maintenance and to educate the public on its origin and importance. The Committee will work on the mission statement at the April meeting.

B. Suggestions for 2009 spring/summer activity

Keila Spann suggested that our spring/summer activity coincide with her assignment to identify 10 – 15 grave stones for cleaning. This activity would take place May 7 from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Carlos asked what other activity could go along during the cleaning that would promote the Randolph Cemetery? The spring/summer activity will be discussed at the April meeting.

General Discussion

Many suggestions were made concerning activities in which the committee may become involved. Increase membership of the Committee. Carlos will contact Dorothy Flanders, Membership Chair. Keliyah Spann will have a sign-up form at the tour of the cemetery sponsored by USC. Other suggestions included possibly reproducing the brochure; consider adopting a school to work with to create a model for other schools; Elaine will have a video of the cemetery in Atlanta at the next meeting.

V. Other

Carlos wants to have a schedule for grass cutting. The Historic Columbia Foundation has sent out proposals for Ground Penetrating Radar. Additional information will be forthcoming,

VI. Next Meeting: April 16, 2009 at 6 pm at the Modjeska Simpkins House.

VII. Adjournment: Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm. Refreshments were provided compliments of Dr. Smith.

Recorded by Maeward S. Belk, Secretary