

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 29, 2025 @ 3:00 pm, Landa Haus

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

3:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

X	Lynn Thompson (Chair)		Cynthia Foster		Samantha Morrison (Park Staff)
X	Dana Watson (Vice Chair)	X	Jillian Bliss		Gene Bagwell (Cemetery Manager)
X	Kyle Coker	X	Chad Donegan (Park Staff)	X	Hunter Haberly (Cemetery Sexton)
X	Connie Krause	X	Shari Silvio (Park Staff)		
	Jan Kingsbury		Jeff Bransford (Park Staff)		

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of regular meeting minutes from August 28, 2025

4. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

5. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

a. **Reprint Cookbook**

The cookbooks have been printed and are awaiting the Purchase Order (PO) from the City for pickup. Lynn has spoken with both The Conservation Plaza and The Sophienburg Museum, and they are willing to sell the books without any markup, though they will need to charge tax. We will provide 10 copies to each location for sale. The Park Admin staff will be doing a social media push to promote the sale of the cookbooks after the Soul Searching event. The group is interested in discussing the possibility of setting up as a vendor at upcoming City events to sell the cookbooks. Shari will send out an email with a list of these upcoming events (such as Downtown Lighting, Wassailfest, etc.). Additionally, the group will need to arrange for a copy of the cookbook to be set up at the Westside Community Center, with a possible photo opportunity for added engagement.

b. **2025 Soul Searching**

The run-through will be on September 30th at Comal Cemetery from 6pm to 7pm – food will be provided. Shari has the scripts and tour talking points printed out to distribute to Volunteers. We will also go over what tour guides should wear for the event. The program looks great – we're just waiting on the final list of volunteer names to add, and then we can send it to the printers. The group discussed the props still needed. Lynn has spoken to the actors about how to dress and portray their "Souls." The group is also still working on securing a photographer for the event.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. 2025 Soul Searching recap
- B. Cookbook sales
- C. Field of Graves – possibly
- D. National Registry – possibly

6. ADJOURNMENT

3:54 pm