

Pyland African American Cemetery Charter

Highway 49 (Southwest of Avinger, TX; Northwest of Jefferson, Texas)

May 20, 2022

Re: PAACC Annual Membership Letter

Dear PAACC Members,

Another year has come and gone.

The good news is that the PAACC is continuing to grow in its ability to make our cemetery one that all the community can be proud of. We are continuing to bring new perspective into the organization. We are growing financially, and we are making very positive strides in improving the accessibility and visibility of our cemetery. We want to thank you for your personal efforts to make this happen. This cemetery has a special significance to the families of those buried here, as well as the community, and your extra effort is appreciated by all these individuals.

Our achievements for 2021:

- We celebrated 17 years as “Pyland African American Cemetery Charter”!
- PAACC was acknowledged as a Historical Site in 2018. Historical Site Monument Plaque has been approved by Marion County Historical Society and in April 2021, received approval from the State of Texas Historical Commission.
- Tree line at the side and rear of the property was cleared.
- We were able to get “John Doe’s” headstone installed with the funeral home providing the casket.
- Information sheets with contact info and how to donate are available at the entrance of the cemetery.

Changes as of 2021:

- Mr. Roderick Smith was officially elected as the Treasurer in December 2020; replacing the honorable Bobbie R. Smith who held this position from May 2008 to December 2020 and continues to be a supporting member.
- Mr. Anthony Jackson was elected as Vice President; replacing the honorable Frank Gipson who held this position for many years and continues to be a supporting member.

We are greatly appreciative for the continuous support from our members. Many wonderful things occur throughout the year for the PAACC and your support makes it all possible. I want to assure you that the intention of this Board is to grow the PAACC without limits. We look forward to a productive successful year and invite each of you to participate, and most importantly become involved.

Please encourage others to visit our website to become a member of the PAACC or to make a financial contribution of its support. Any amount no matter how small would be greatly appreciated and would have an immediate positive impact.

We’re looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Quarterly **Board Meeting** on: **May 28, 2022 at Pyland African American Cemetery, at 11:00 a.m**

Thank you,



Robert Smith, President

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