

**Cedar Cemetery Association
Trustee Meeting
May 7, 2022**

Created 5/10/22 by Delores Yoraway

Trustee meeting called to order 9:49am by Judy Herrala, President

Attendees:

Larry Lundby, Jarrod Guy, Janice Evans, Delores Yoraway, Judy Herrala

Reports

2021 Annual / Trustee Meetings via Zoom Minutes

Meetings combined in 2021 because of low attendance.

Combined Meeting Minutes read and approved during 2022 Annual Meeting.

Old Business

- Discussion on need for Cedar Cemetery liability insurance (moved to New Business)

New Business

- Discussion regarding additional liability insurance to protect our board members: Judy contacted the Cemetery Association who told her to discuss this with a lawyer. Tanya wondered if we needed a cemetery lawyer. Marie from Oak Grove Cemetery said she used her personal lawyer. Their cemetery is becoming a nonprofit corporation. Members will be protected under the corporate umbrella. Tanya brought up that we are practicing under rulings for cemeteries established in the early 1900s. The cost of setting up a nonprofit would probably save compared to additional insurance coverage over the long run. However, how would that impact our tax filings – making it more complex and involved? Marie will give Tanya contact info for Barna, Guzy & Steffen. Larry will talk to Bill Goodrich, Family Law in Anoka. Tanya will also ask State Farm for their recommendations, perhaps helping us to know the right questions to ask, and the Anoka County Attorney, Tony Palumbo, 763 324 5550.
- Headstone damage: Huffman stone damaged perhaps during Baker winter interment. Judy brought up that headstones are considered personal property and should be covered under homeowners insurance. Tanya will confirm this with State Farm when she speaks with them. The large Baker headstone has to be repositioned over the full vault burial. The question remains, who is responsible for repositioning the headstone. JoAnn thought Tim was not finished with the Baker gravesite—bad weather delaying everything. This issue may well resolve itself.
- Tax discussion: Marie from West Oak Grove Cemetery thought we should be filing as a nonprofit corporation. This is what they are doing with their cemetery. However, we have found that we can operate using rules governing older cemeteries. More information regarding this will be brought to light in our investigation of liability insurance vs nonprofit corporate status. No further discussion required.
- Plotting discussion: Joel Greenberg of Lakeview Cemetery, NowThen, uses CIMS, a \$600 per year cemetery management service. Some cemeteries are run by the cities they reside in. In looking to the future, Larry

Lundby has given his son a copy of CAD with hopes of his taking interest and learning more about it. He has also copied pertinent information on a memory stick in the event someone had to take over in an emergency.

- Dying Trees: Linda Rodgers contacted us regarding a couple of dying evergreen trees on the Lee, Keup, Gallagher properties, wondering if this was to be handled by lot owners or the trustees. Trees are handled by the trustees. Larry Lundby contacted Linda – one tree has already been removed and the other is being watched. This issue is resolved. Tim will advise us about any larger trees needing removal – we would use a tree removal service for them. Discussion took place around replacing trees in Cedar cemetery. Trees may be replanted by the cemetery in locations that have a low impact on gravesites and the roadway. Jarrod may have a resource for blue spruce trees. Delores and Jan offered to donate.
- Notary on the Board: A new Huntington bank in Coon Rapids located that should be able to notarize documents for free to members. If difficulties persist, Tanya has agreed to become a notary. Discussion tabled.
- Board member job descriptions – updated and emailed out.
- Digging Fees – immediate changes: Full Vault Summer - \$375 increased to \$400; Full Vault Winter \$475 increased to \$500; Cremains Summer - \$200; Cremains Winter - \$300. Relocating existing monument – TBD – fee will be decided after discussing with Tim. Change to be decided via phone vote.

Election of Officers

Officers on the board all agreed to renew their terms of office.

The following officers were nominated and elected to hold office for the term 2022-2023:

Judy Herrala – President
Jan Evans – Vice President
Tanya Guy – Treasurer
Delores Yoraway – Secretary
Larry Lundby – Sexton

Motion was made by Larry Lundby to accept the election of Officers.

Motion was seconded by Tanya Guy.

Motion was carried.

Memorial Day Service at Cedar Cemetery will be hosted by St. Francis American Legion Post and Auxiliary 622, and will be held Monday, May 30, 2022 with time TBD. Updates will be emailed and posted on website.

Cemetery Cleanup for 2023: April 22, 2022 at 9:00am

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING AND TRUSTEE MEETING SET FOR MAY 6, 2023 AT 9:00AM.

Motion Motion made to adjourn by Tanya Guy.

Seconded by Delores Yoraway.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01am.