

Cedar Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting
May 2, 2026

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Annual meeting called to order 9:03 am by Tanya Guy, Interim acting for President

Attendees: Linda Rodgers, Aidan Jensen-Rubio, JoAnn Smith, Mary Malinak, Nathan Smith, Jarrod Guy, Tanya Guy, Marie McCallum, Michael McCallum, Delores Yoraway

- Meeting conducted in small meeting room as Oak Grove double booked main room when scheduling their fix it clinic. Small meeting room is suitable to our needs.
- Tanya Guy agreed to conduct meeting and perform duties as interim president in the absence of our President, Judy Herrala, who passed away late last year.
- Introductions were made by attendees at the meeting.
- Decision made to combine Trustee Meeting and Annual Meeting. Sensitive issues will be tabled and taken into a special Trustee session.

Reports

Secretary's Report was distributed digitally

Delores Yoraway asked if there were any changes or corrections.

Linda Rodgers made the motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Nate Smith seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report for May 2025 – April 2026 was distributed

Once again, we ended with a positive balance. \$13,250.00 Total Income / \$6,438.08 Total Expenses. \$6,811.92

Operating Income.

- \$5384 Isolated on report to show amount available for upgrades and improvements.
- Expenses included: Insurance, Site Openings/Burials, Mowing. Other Expenses were memorial stakes and flags, D2 cleaner, memorial gift and mailing supplies.
- \$50,000 placed in four-month CD with Wells Fargo at 3.95 percent as discussed at last year's meeting.
- Mary Malinak asked about the moles. Company contacted Found service to be expensive – told moles would come right back. Decision made to not hire exterminator.
- Meaning of "Lifetime Buyout" explained.
- Sixteen people remain on yearly \$25 fee for maintenance. \$250 donation option offered to buy out yearly fee. Checks are still in process of being received, explaining why amount left blank on report.

Mary Malinak made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Jarrod Guy seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Election of Trustees

Jarrold Guy and JoAnn Smith have agreed to 3-year term – 2026-2029

Aidan Jensen-Rubio volunteered to become a Trustee – Term 2026-2029

Delores Yoraway made the motion to accept Aidan Jensen-Rubio as a Trustee.

Nate Smith seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Board Officers

The following officers have agreed to renew their one-year terms in office for 2026-2027:

Tanya Guy – Interim President/Treasurer

Jarrold Guy – Vice President

Delores Yoraway – Secretary

Nate Smith - Sexton

Old Business

- **Mowing** - Tim Smith has agreed to do mowing and grave opening for this year.
- **Cemetery Tour** – The Cemetery Board wishes to thank Linda Rodgers for the work done on a successful Cedar Cemetery Tour. **THANK YOU Linda!** Linda reported that the Anoka County Historical Society was pleased as both tours were filled. The Cedar Fest held the fall before heightened interest in the tour with a sense of history and community. Since the tour, the Historical Society has lost its home and is scrambling to relocate. It is a good thing the Society and the Board acted to have the tour last year, as it would not have been a possibility this year. A copy of the tour has been given to the Board with the agreement that it not be used to conduct their own tours.
- **West Oak Grove Update** - Marie McCallum shared that a vote of their membership (296 letters) revealed that 89 percent were for surrender to the township. They have presented the request to the City Council twice but it's a slow process. Currently, the City is asking to explore if the county or other cemeteries would be willing to take over West Oak Grove. Based on Trustee input, Cedar Cemetery replied to the request that while sympathetic to their situation, Cedar is unable to take this on. Unrelated to this issues, West Oak Grove is also looking for a referral on a reasonably priced corporate attorney to help with their structure, etc.

New Business

- **Review of Review Fees** – Aidan Jensen-Rubio contributed that in his search for grave sites, one cemetery charged \$6000 per interment. JoAnn Smith brought St. Pat's brochure of fees. Our fees have not increased in nine years. Price of a site in 1999 was \$300 not including perpetual care. Price of a site in 2018 was \$450 not including perpetual care. Current site price is \$700, includes perpetual care. After discussion of expenses involved in grave opening in winter, the following fee changes were decided upon:

Grave Site Purchase (includes perpetual care)	\$900
Grave Opening – Full Body	\$500
Grave Opening – Cremation	\$300
Grave Opening – Winter Surcharge Full Body And Cremation	\$400
Monument Placement Marking	\$50
Deed Transfer Fee	\$10

- Tanya Guy will contact mortuaries regarding price increase. Delores Yoraway will update website.

Nate Smith made the motion to approve above price increases.

Mary Malinak seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

- **Survey of north and west sections:** Requests were made to purchase lots in the north and west sections. Tran family purchased a monument for placement after lots are surveyed. Tim would like to use surveyor Ernie Rud (used by Larry Lundby in the past). Discussion of what to be included in survey. Tim Smith will be working on surveying/contacting surveyor.
- **Website Maintenance:** Delores Yoraway to document process. A file has been created.
- **Updating Deed/Title Form:** Cemetery address will replace legal description. Tanya Guy will again review the new form. Decision will be made on whether to require notarization when form is completed.
- *Confirm Dori Waste's parents' lots* - mom and dad buried together. Nate Smith will confirm which lot.
- *Joe Gallagher* – need date of death. JoAnn Smith will call Gladys, Joe's mother.
- *Deloris Anderson lot sale* – paid for but not picked out. Wants lots on west side. Decision on lot this spring. Julie Flaherty helping her.
- No special requirements on headstones. Must have six-inch border. Must fit on lot. Family monuments will sit on sites in plot perhaps limiting them to cremation burials only.
- New cemetery sign discussed. Jarrod Guy suggested a vinyl sticker. Options will be explored. Use Cedar Cemetery website instead of phone numbers. Sign will be located on fence. Traditional font was requested.
- Columbarium – supposed to be the future. Good spot for cremations where digging would otherwise be difficult. Braham gave Tanya Guy pricing. They come in blocks of twelve. 24 niche is \$35,500; 48 niche is \$40,500. Imported granite is cheaper: 24 niche is \$12,260; 48 niche is \$16,200. Variables are cement or aluminum drawers and installation costs. Cemetery in Stacy said their columbarium gets used 25 percent of the time probably because cemetery is well established and lots are already purchased. Stacy got a donation from Lions to purchase. With new survey, perhaps have a block set aside for a columbarium. Something we can think about for the future.

Memorial Day Service

- Memorial Day Service will be held Monday, May 25, 2026 hosted by St. Francis American Legion Post 622 and Auxiliary. *This will be confirmed by Delores Yoraway.* Time TBD - updates will be emailed and posted on website.

Cemetery Cleanup for 2027: April 24, 2027 at 9:00 am (weather permitting).

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 1, 2027 AT 9:00 AM.

Jarrod Guy made the motion to adjourn.

Nate Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am