Cemetery Commission Minutes February 14, 2013 at 6:00 PM

Present:
Betty McGahey, Cathy Morrison, Raymond Mowbray

Excused:
Lillian Nicholson, Wayne Printz, Joyce Stevens

Staff:
Charlotte Shifflett – Cemetery Director, and Amber Cubbage – Assistant

The meeting started passing the past minutes and with a discussion on the fencing that had been completed and that it all looked good. Everyone is proud that we have decent workers in the cemetery. Work Orders are written to get the work done in the cemetery.

It was discussed whether the Cemetery still owes $63,000.00. It was explained that we do owe it the reasoning is: in the budget is $50,000.00. When a grave is open and closed a $400.00 fee is collected and is subtracted from what we owe and the rest taken out of the cemetery funds and it goes to the general funds. When the cemetery needs to be maintained it is taken care of.

Topics from the Agenda

- Current budget is $50,000.00 all expenses is covered and debt is paid with the $400.00 opening and closing fees collected.
- Future meeting dates are scheduled to be on: June 13, 2013 at 3:30 PM; September 12, 2013 at 3:30 PM; December 12, 2013 at 3:30 PM.

Old Business

- The tree had been cut down since the last meeting. However the tree has not been hauled away due to the fuss since the tree was said to be 125 years old. An official letter had been written about 2 weeks ago to Bobby Eppard to haul the remains, but has not been completed yet.

New Business

- There were recommendations for Donna Meadows, Karen Jones, and Lee Dearing to serve in place of Mrs. Nicholson whom is now our Honorary Member.
- As far as the Lawn Care the present members are satisfied with the current care received; and has agreed to continue with Shenandoah Turf.
- It was agreed that the grave sales is to continue the way is it with $100.00 goes into Real Estate funds and $500.00 goes into the Perpetual Care Account.

Raymond Mowbray made a motion to leave the grave sales the same, seconded by Cathy Morrison.
Voive Vote 3-0
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Motion Carried.

- There have not been enough donations to put up anymore fencing. Total collected this year has been $200.00.
- The opening and closing fees collected all go into the general funds account.
- There isn't a figure prepared on the Perpetual Care Account. Have been continuing to sell graves.
- Discussed that if a person wished to pay for opening and closing fees ahead of time they should be able to do that. The Funeral homes also lets customers prepay for funerals but at this time are not collecting our opening and closing fees. We should be able to provide some type of documentation to the customers wanting to prepay.

Cathy Morrison made a motion to allow owners to prepay the opening and closing in advance, seconded by Betty McGahey.

Voice Vote 3-0

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Motion Carried

- It can be a struggle when deaths are close. There are some people that have to borrow money to afford the opening and closing costs. Raymond wanted to know if we had voted that if somebody didn't have the money for a grave and we don't have time for a meeting what happens. Betty said that we are thinking about setting up a place for that reason. Cathy mentioned that we may still have some in the old section of the cemetery. Charlotte voiced her concern that we may not have record of who would be the owners of the lots in the old section. Cathy stated that we don't want to dig and accidentally find a grave.
- Cathy mentioned that in the next meeting about having 6 graves to use for the needy.
- It was mentioned that Charlotte could use her own discretion when the situation arrives that someone cannot afford the grave. Charlotte said some things now have her worried about using her own discretion. Raymond said we can always vote on it; the less involved the more rapid time to get it done. Cathy agrees that Charlotte has a good feel for people and would be able to tell if they are hard up and some things shouldn't be an issue.

Cathy Morrison made motion to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Charlotte Shifflett.
The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013 at 3:30 PM.

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Chairman Secretary/Director