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This year the Annual Meeting for The Methodist Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place N.W., in the newly renovated 3rd floor lounge.

Proxy voting is now a reality, and a proxy form is enclosed with this newsletter. The dues form is also enclosed for your convenience.

You may remember last year with the newsletter we had also enclosed, thanks to Bart Robey, a Robey family history "tidbit." This year, thanks to Carolyn Kiser, you will find a "History of the John Burrows Family of Tenleytown." You will recognize the names of many prominent Tenleytown families who married into this John Burrows family, among them: Riley, Ward, and Morrow. Carolyn's history highlights the interrelationships of all these families, many of whom ended up in our cemetery. Enjoy, and thank you Carolyn!

Your Input is Requested

Hopefully, reading the Robey and Burrows histories will encourage more of you to contribute your research, memories, photographs, etc. We are particularly looking for past photos of the cemetery itself, for portraits or snapshots of the people buried in the cemetery, and for photos of those who have helped over the years to make our cemetery the beautiful, peaceful place it is today.

Activities

This past year has been fairly uneventful. The tombstone repair work had to be postponed until this coming fall due to the limited availability of Mosko Monument Services who specialize in conservation, preservation and restoration. They have been heavily involved in restoration work at the Rockville Cemetery, among other commitments. But Diane & Fred Tamayo did attend a workshop presented by Robert Mosko (at Rockville Cemetery) where he demonstrated the technique to straighten footstones, something fairly easily done by volunteers. We do have a couple of volunteers ready to try this in the upcoming weeks. Over the past year even more footstones have been loosened by the heavy rains and have toppled. If you are interested in helping, please call or email!

Your Support is Needed

We are hoping you will be able to attend our annual meeting, but if not, please don't forget your membership dues and proxy. We are looking to fill our vacant Board position of corresponding secretary. Any candidates for Board of Directors would be welcomed; membership in-good-standing is a requirement although meeting attendance is not, and the vote will be taken at the meeting. Please consider volunteering.

Volunteer labor is also welcome any time. Bart Robey has once again this year been fantastic in his support, and we have a couple others interested in helping out. The more the merrier! Please let us know if you are interested and able to help. Some of the things that need doing, besides the perpetual grass-cutting, tree/bush trimming, and weeding are: turning the compost pile and installing an additional compost container, and selecting and planting some new small tree(s), bushes or other plants in the area where we lost the large multi-trunked tree in the back right far corner of the cemetery.