

## **Methodist Cemetery Association**

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As most of you know, this year in 2020 we were not able to hold our annual meeting for our Methodist Cemetery Association at the usual place at the usual time of year due to the current pandemic. We are now planning on having a virtual meeting, via Zoom, on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 2:00 p.m. I'm hoping many new people will be able to join us in this manner, particularly those living out of the area.

Those of you receiving this letter via postal mail may want to consider asking a friend or relative for help getting on to a computer or smartphone and using Zoom - a free application for the user. I hope to make it worth your while by showing photos of the cemetery as well as our annual reports. Any members who are not willing to have their cameras on can still participate, although it would be nice for everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

Proxy voting is still an option, and a proxy form is enclosed with this newsletter. The dues form is also enclosed for the convenience of those who have yet to send in your dues and/or donation.

### **Progress**

Our website is coming along. We did have one hiccup this month which caused us to have to re-host our site at a cost of \$6.95/month for 36 months, paid up front: \$250.20; well worth the price! Our webmaster, Steve Shoemaker, is doing a great job. We now have a new menu item: "Tidbits" for the "tidbits of history" we have been collecting. So far only the first one has been posted, as a design

sample. I hope more of you will be inspired to contribute your research, memories, photographs, etc.

Our new corresponding secretary, Pat Ryan, dove right into work after last year's meeting, creating a spreadsheet of our contacts: members, donors, volunteers, contractors, etc. Thank you, Pat!

I'm sure you will remember that we were supposed to have some tombstone repairs by the Mosko Monument Services, a company that specializes in cemetery conservation, preservation and restoration. While their work in our cemetery has been delayed (by many factors, not least a stop-work order due to the pandemic), they are now attempting to schedule our work for mid-September. I will give an update at the meeting.

Last year Diane & Fred Tamayo attended a workshop presented by Robert Mosko (at Rockville Cemetery) where he demonstrated the technique to straighten footstones, something fairly easily done by volunteers. Shortly after last year's meeting, volunteers Jeanette Pablo and John Derrick helped straighten many of the toppled and leaning footstones in the right half of the cemetery. Good job!

The front gate is looking good - as I hope you have noticed (see above letterhead for the photo taken a few days ago).

### **Your Support is Needed**

We are hoping more of you will consider becoming more active in the association. Remember, you don't need to be local to contribute your time and/or information!

Those of you who are local and able, please consider volunteering your labor. Bart Robey has again contributed his efforts to trim back some of our bushes and small trees. We really need help in that regard so that we don't have to pay a landscaper for that as well as all he does now: cutting the grass, picking up dead branches and managing weed growth. Whereas the outside of cemetery in front is looking good, the inside is getting very "shaggy" and the outside of the back fence is getting out of control. Any assistance is welcome.

**Please do Zoom with us on September 13, 2020 at 2 p.m.! Contact instructions will be provided to the members in good standing closer to the date of the meeting.**