

2009 MINUTES  
of the  
Annual Methodist Cemetery Association Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Methodist Cemetery Association was called to order at 2:17 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, 2009. The meeting was presided over by the President of the Association, Diane Tamayo. There was a quorum present.

Those present were: Diane Tamayo, Margaret Amundson, Steve Davis, Dorothy Ford, Amy Patterson, John Schwartz, Pete Tamayo, Jane Waldman (not a member), Jack Walther & Nancy Werner.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Reading of the minutes – a motion was made by Amy Patterson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Davis. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed to those present and is attached to these minutes. This report includes the 2009 Proposed Budget as well as the 2008 Fiscal Report. Each of the items listed in the Fiscal Report were discussed as well as those listed for future expenditures in the proposed 2009 budget. The lack of Liability Insurance was discussed and will be mentioned in a later paragraph of these minutes.

A motion was made by Jack Walther to accept the 2009 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Nancy Werner. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

Maintenance – Due to health issues (surgery) of John Schwartz, the maintenance of the cemetery has fallen almost single-handedly to Diane & Fred Tamayo. They were able to hire a college boy from Tenleytown to cut the grass a few times at a cost of \$100 per cut. This has been a temporary arrangement and future arrangements will have to be made. This topic will be addressed under New Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding Paul Sluby's new book – "BURY ME DEEP, Burial Places Past and Present In and Near Washington, D. C.; A Historical Review and Reference Manual.

Jane Waldman provided additional information regarding the status of the Tenleytown Heritage Trail. At this time the topic of Liability Insurance was again discussed. It was suggested that perhaps Paul Sluby would be able to furnish information as to the need and availability of such insurance for cemeteries. We were also informed that Paul Sluby might have some thoughts on the funding of the maintenance (grass cutting) of cemeteries. Diane said that she would discuss these matters with Mr. Sluby at a future date.

It was brought to our attention that the cemetery shed was marked with graffiti a few weeks ago. Diane and Fred Tamayo immediately painted over the shed door and used a wire brush to clean off the cinderblock. Further work will be necessary to remove all of the damage.

Amy Patterson will be looking into setting up a web site for the cemetery in the hopes that this will increase interest in the future of the cemetery as well as membership.

Election of the Board of Directors -

The following members were nominated to the Board of Directors:

Diane Tamayo  
Bill Mastbrook  
Nancy Shoemaker Werner  
Dorothy Ford  
Amy Patterson  
Steve Davis  
Jack Walther.

The motion was made by Steve Davis to accept these members as the new Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Pete Tamayo. A vote was taken and passed.

Cemetery Maintenance – The weekly maintenance of the cemetery continues to be a topic of concern.

1) Diane has purchased a used lawn-mower at a yard sale to be kept in the shed during the summer months. Additional equipment is needed such as weed-whackers, blowers, etc. If anyone knows of used items that might be for sale at reasonable prices, please let us know. All equipment must be gas powered since there is no electricity available in the cemetery.

2) A discussion was held as to having a “clean-up” day in the fall and spring of each year - beginning this fall. Perhaps, making it a family event and thereby getting younger family members interested in the history of the cemetery pertaining to their own families.

3) The advisability of using “weed & feed” products – It was discussed and decided that this material would be tried on a “test” area.

Additional discussions were held on the following topics:

4) The need for mulching and replacing a few plants along the outside of the fence on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

5) Painting the old gate that has been stored near the shed and the planting of a small flower garden where there are no marked graves.

6) The area by the church parking lot – establishing a small compost pile.

7) The idea of purchasing cement benches to replace those that were stolen several years ago. Additional information as to prices will be obtained.

A motion for adjournment was made at 3:45 p.m. by Amy Patterson and seconded by Jack Walther. A vote was taken and passed.