METHODIST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting, May 20, 2012

The MCA met at Friendship Terrace at 2:00 p.m. Those present were: President Diane Tamayo, Michael Carroll, Margaret Amundson, John Burrows, Jane Waldmann, Steve Davis, Ellen Joyce, Nancy Werner and Barbara Tate.

Since we did not have a quorum, we could not vote but proceeded with our meeting, to share information and ideas.

Diane reported that there is a large tombstone down (James H. Harry 1842-1890, husband of Sarah E. Queen who was daughter of Elexious & Altha Ann Paxton Queen) and the estimate to restore it is $750.00. She also had photos of carts put in the cemetery by the homeless, which have now been removed. However, another had just appeared between Friday and today. The police and Community Council for the Homeless have been working with her on this.

The only money spent from the treasury since last meeting was $148.00 to bond the Board of Directors.

So far, the Tamayos have done all of the cutting this year. Estimates for hiring someone to do the job have been received, and Diane will try the landscape company used by St. Columba's Church to see how that works out. He will do just when and what we ask, fees changing accordingly.

Diane would like our bylaws amended to resolve the situation of not being able to hold elections without a quorum. She will work on this, and hopes to obtain Susie Scofield's assistance to see what can be done. One solution may be to accept proxy voting, especially for those out of the area. All present, when polled, approved of this.

Diane urged us to contact our families to try to get more members. Nancy Werner, corresponding secretary, will keep a "point of contact" list.

In answer to a question, Diane said we have over 250 tombstones and about the same number of unmarked graves in the cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned. We will meet the same time and place next year – if not before. Hopefully, we will have a quorum and can move forward on things.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara D. Tate, Acting Recording Secretary