

2013 Minutes  
Of The  
Annual Methodist Cemetery Association Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Methodist Cemetery Association was held at Friendship Terrace on May 19, 2013. It was called to order at 2p.m.

Those present were Diane Tamayo, Steve Davis, Dorothy Ford, Nancy Werner, Ellen Joyce, Kathy Hardy, Martha Shoemaker, Steve Shoemaker and Jane Waldmann (non-member).

Since there was no quorum present, formal voting could not take place. However, the meeting continued with discussions on the following topics:

**THE TREASURY REPORT:** report provided; expenses included the (mandatory) annual bonding of the Board of Directors and a \$750 tombstone repair.

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:** The Tamayos (with help from Joe Richards III and a neighborhood "angel") have continued to cut the grass along with trimming around the tombstones & fences. The man who cuts the grass for St. Columbus Church has been called upon to mow the grass at the Cemetery when absolutely necessary (no trimming) – a total of \$245 was spent on this for last season. Also mentioned was the possible Fall planting of a few new shrubs.

**AMENDMENT OF BY-LAYS:**

Since it has become extremely difficult to have a quorum present at the meetings, a discussion was held as to amending the bylaws to permit voting by proxy. Susie Scofield, who is the daughter of a member as well as a lawyer, will be contacted to ascertain how the bylaws may be changed to accommodate the difficulty of conducting business and voting on issues when a quorum is not present. Jane Waldmann graciously volunteered to get the Board a copy of the recently updated Tenleytown Historical Society bylaws to use as an example.

**NEW BURIALS (?):**

Robert Bates (a member of the association) has expressed an interest in having a radar scan of the Cemetery so that room may be found for new burials (cremated remains only). A discussion was held regarding the feasibility of proceeding with this operation. Many attendees expressed doubts as to the advisability of continuing further with this plan since it would require obtaining a great deal of information and expending of unknown sums from the budget. At the present time, it has been extremely difficult to have a quorum at the meetings in order to take such votes as well as members who have the time necessary to devote to this matter.

## DISCUSSION:

- 1) Discussion was held concerning the location of annual meeting, with the thought of attracting more membership participation. As of now, the meeting must take place within 25 miles of the cemetery. Diane (who lives within 13 miles) is willing to host the meeting at her house, in order to provide refreshments, if that would help participation.
- 2) The annual newsletter along with membership forms is sent out by regular mail to all those not having email. Martha Shoemaker graciously volunteered to assist with this next year.
- 3) A discussion was held regarding the cost and maintenance of setting up a web site for the Cemetery. This web site may contain pictures and brief histories of those buried in the Cemetery. Steve Shoemaker has volunteered to set up this website!

The next Annual Meeting will be held on the first Sunday following Mothers' Day 2014 unless otherwise advised.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.