

METHODIST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 17, 2015

The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. in the 5th floor lounge of the Friendship House by our president, Diane Tamayo. It was determined that all members present were current on their dues. Attendees included Diane Tamayo, Kathy Hardy, Nancy Werner, Ellen Joyce, Steve Davis, Joe and Tricia Richards, and the representative from the Tenleytown community, Jane Waldmann.

The minutes from the 2014 meeting were offered and a motion to waive reading them was made by Ellen Joyce and seconded by Kathy Hardy.

Kathy Hardy read the 2014 treasurer's report, which showed our income to be slightly more than our actual expenses for the year. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Under old business, there was discussion of the tree maintenance that was performed last June. The large tree with multiple trunks in the rear of the cemetery, near the church, had one large (dead) trunk removed. And a large dead branch was also trimmed off the tulip poplar tree in the left front quadrant. All this was done at a cost of \$750. Pictures of the work were provided so that we could see the difficulty involved, without disturbing the tombstones.

A lawn service has been engaged to mow and trim for the coming year whenever the Tamayos are away or unavailable. This is a local man who also mows for St. Columba and others in the area. He has mowed the cemetery occasionally over the past couple of years.

Tombstone repair was not done (yet).

Under new business, a clean-up day has been proposed to clean at least some of the individual tombstones. Diane has been in touch with several people with knowledge of how to do this. A representative from the DC Historic Preservation Office and the president of the DC Chapter of the Association of Gravestone Studies have both expressed willingness to participate in our clean-up day. No date has yet been selected but several members expressed interest in volunteering, including Nancy Werner and Kathy Hardy.

Contributions of perennials, particularly ones that bloom in late summer or fall, are needed for outside the fence and above the wood railroad ties along the alley. Russian sage or coneflowers were suggested.

Two members on the Board of Directors have changed roles. Nancy Werner has become recording secretary and Dorothy Ford has become the corresponding secretary.

Diane Tamayo suggested that she may retire from the association within the next five years and that we need to encourage the younger generations to take an interest in the cemetery so that it can continue to be maintained.

The next meeting is scheduled for the third Sunday in May, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Werner
Recording Secretary