

METHODIST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 24, 2018

The Methodist Cemetery Association met at Friendship Terrace at 2:00 p.m. Prior to convening the meeting, introductions were made of those present. They were: John Harding and his wife, Teresa, Bart Roby, Steve Davis, Dorothy Ford, Nancy Werner, Ellen Joyce, Kathy Hardy, Steve Shoemaker, Barbara Tate, and Diane Tamayo.

After dues collection and introductions with an explanation of our connections to the cemetery, the meeting was called to order by our President, Diane Tamayo.

The minutes for 2017 were accepted as published on the cemetery website.

Proxy voting was again approved to allow members in good standing to designate a member who is present to vote on their behalf. Kathy Hardy will submit a Proxy form with the exact wording. This form will then be posted to our website and included as an attachment to future meeting announcements.

Again, the bylaws will be changed to incorporate proxy voting as well as to substitute the word "relatives" for "descendants" to reflect the fact that some members are related but not direct descendants of those interred at the cemetery.

The Treasurer's Report for 2017 was read and approved. Our income was from annual dues and donations – including a generous donation from the Columbian Harmony Society. Expenses included: bonding, grass-cutting expenses for the landscaper (although the check was never cashed so will be reissued), and a large amount for tree maintenance which included cutting up and removing a fallen tree and its remaining multiple trunks, as well as trimming our two other large trees and treating one of them.

So far in 2018 the Columbian Harmony Society has contributed another generous donation which they say will be their last for the next few years. (This is the 3rd year in a row they have been so generous!)

The budget for 2018 was reviewed and tombstone repair is proposed to be our largest expense. The projected budget for 2019-2000 was discussed and, as usual, allows for moneys for bonding, mowing, as well as tree maintenance and further tombstone repair on an as-needed basis. A motion was offered and approved to accept this future 2-year budget.

The financial reports and budgets are available upon request.

Under new business there was a discussion concerning our annual newsletter. Although normally it goes out with the meeting announcement, this year it will go out with these minutes. It was proposed that a family history tidbit be included in the newsletter. All members are encouraged to offer items of interest regarding family history of those buried here. Minutes and newsletter will continue to be mailed to those who do not have access to the internet.

A request was made for a new Corresponding Secretary. No one volunteered so Dorothy Ford agreed to resume her previous role in that position as best she can until there is a volunteer. It is hoped that someone will volunteer within the next month. A motion was made to accept this interim solution and it was seconded and approved.

The next meeting is planned for May 19, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00.