

METHODIST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING, September 11, 2022

The Methodist Cemetery Association met remotely, or virtually, via Zoom again this year for the convenience of our members. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Roll call included a report on membership dues. We now have 23 annual members and 13 life-time members, making a total membership of 36. Roger Pridham passed away, while Robert Thomas "Tom" Clift joined our association. Tom is related to the Harry, Grigsby, Queen and Paxton families. In addition to our president, Diane Tamayo, the following members present introduced themselves: Pat Ryan, related to Helen Burke; Amy Patterson O'Keefe, related to the Queen and Burrows families; Bart Robey, of the Robey family; Dan Nielsen, descended from Addison Ellsworth Chappell and also related to the Robey family; Nancy Werner, related to the Shoemakers, Paynes and Elds; and Barbara Tate, related to the Harrys. In addition, 9 members not in attendance had sent in proxies: Ellen Joyce, Dorothy Ford, Priscilla Ricker, William Clift, Sr., John Derrick, Jeanette Pablo, Carolyn Shelton, John Walther, and Robyn Trower. A quorum was present.

The minutes for last year's meeting were accepted as published on the cemetery website.

The Treasurer's Report for 2021 was displayed and approved. Income was from dues, donations and interest. The approved budget for 2022 was also displayed on screen. At this point only mowing and bonding expenses are anticipated. Income and expenses for 2023 are expected to be much the same as 2022.

A motion was offered and approved to accept the budget.

The box of historic documents received last year has been reviewed and the items not pertaining to the cemetery have been delivered to the Washingtonian Collection at the main DC library (MLK, Jr.). Some of the records pertaining to the cemetery may soon be posted on our website.

Others, such as ledgers of income and expenditures, may simply eventually be archived. No decision has yet been made as to archiving our records (when/exactly what) at the American University, who has the means to store and preserve them. The university can also store “a snapshot in time” of our website.

There was discussion of whether to publish a membership roster with contact information on our website under a members-only section. Instead, a questionnaire will be distributed to the membership and a roster of members wishing to have their info available to the membership will be emailed out.

Steve Shoemaker, our webmaster, retired from his day job last year and hopes to be able to devote more time to our website. He will be able to post more family stories on the website, so members are encouraged to submit more family “tidbits”. It is also requested that members submit items for our newsletter which will hopefully be coming soon. Diane also asked if the membership would be interested in a website section for “who’s who” – with a little blurb to capture the background of our members as well as indicate their relatives in the cemetery. Nothing was decided.

A clean-up day will hopefully be scheduled for November and members and their families are invited to participate. Please contact Diane.

The next meeting is planned for September 10, 2023. Meeting is planned to be virtual, via ZOOM.

We thank Amy for allowing us to use her Zoom account and Diane for all her hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Werner
Recording Secretary