

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Melody Chandler at 2:00p.m. at the Dagsboro Town Hall. Members present were Meri Jo Montague, Brian Baull, Cindi Brought, Patti Adams, Paulette Hickman, Bob Flowers and Gayle Chandler.

It was moved by Paulette and seconded by Gayle to approve the May 7, 2017 agenda; the vote was unanimous.

It was moved by Paulette and seconded by Patti to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2016 meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Cindi went over the treasurer's report and budget. A discussion ensued over moving the cemetery's CD from M&T Bank in order to obtain a higher interest rate. The Bank of Delmarva has offered an 18 month CD at .60% or a 24 month CD at .75%, as opposed to leaving the CD at M&T Bank at .35%. It was moved by Gayle and seconded by Patti to move the CD to the Bank of Delmarva at an interest rate of .75% for 24 months; the vote was unanimous. Gayle asked about the Delaware Cemetery Board membership; Cindi said Dwayne called and confirmed that we are up-to-date on our membership.

Donald Lingo wrote requesting help locating information on Selak and Polly Hazzard, both of whom are buried in the Chapel cemetery. Sandi Gerken has offered to assist Mr. Lingo in his research. Gayle suggested that photos of the tombstones be sent to him.

A letter from Dale D. Jacobs was received requesting the cost of a single cemetery plot whereupon an urn and a coffin can be buried together. Discussion ensued over whether it was legal to do this. Doug Melson of Melson's Funeral Services will be asked if this is legal. If this is legal, then the town's rules and regulations would probably need to be revised. Cindi sent Mr. Jacobs information on the cost of a cemetery plot.

Meri Jo reported that the wheelchair ramp has been installed at the Chapel, and a dedication service occurred on March 26, 2017 in honor of Margaret D. Morris. She also reported on events that have occurred or are being planned. It was suggested that Chapel events be placed on the town's website; the person to contact is Megan Thorp.

Old Business

Handicap signs cannot be placed near or on the Chapel's wheelchair ramp since the handicapped parking area is not strictly legal, the reason being that the parking lot area is composed of loose stones as opposed to being paved. Bob has been removing old decorations and cleaning the cemetery grounds. A discussion ensued about the placement and type of bench in the cemetery; the town hall must be contacted before benches can be placed.

In March 2017 the Wharton/Snyder plot issue has been resolved by Melson's Funeral Services and the families.

The Dagworthy Monument was appraised by Kurt Czapp in the fall of 2016; he then fixed the base of the monument for free. Bob said more work needs to be done to repair the monument and is trying to reach Mr. Czapp. Cindi spoke with Cherie Dodge-Biron at the Division of Historical and Cultural affairs about State ownership of the monument; Ms. Dodge-Biron said that the Division does not own it. Cindi has two emails that document this opinion.

The rules and regulations were reviewed by the town council at their April meeting but not voted on; at the May meeting the rules and regulations will be voted on. At this same May town council meeting the position of cemetery representative will also be voted on; Brian Baull has agreed to once again accept the position.

The wheelchair ramp has been installed after many years of conversations among the State of Delaware's Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the