PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MAY 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Janice Kolbeck. In attendance were Melody Chandler, Gayle Chandler, Carol Thompson, Connie and Steve Ennis, and Town Administrator Cindi Brought.

A motion was made by Melody and seconded by Gayle to approve the November 22, 2024, minutes. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Melody and seconded by Gayle to approve the May 13, 2025, agenda. All were in favor.

Cindi discussed the treasurer's report. There was discussion over plot sales, corner markers and payments. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Melody to approve the treasurer's report. All were in favor.

At this time Patti Adams entered the meeting.

The Delaware Cemetery Board newsletter for May 2025 was received.

There were no officer reports. Cindi gave the administrator's report which encompassed old and new business topics.

OLD BUSINESS:

Complete Tree Care removed the historic tree on January 2, 2025, and grinded the stump at a later date. The cost was $5800.00. There are too many roots still in the ground to permit burials in the area. Cindi talked to Coastal Gardeners about planting the bare area with shrubs, etc. Coastal Gardeners will get back to her with ideas.

Carol asked about the removal of old cemetery decorations. Joe Quinn of maintenance removed the Christmas decorations and other old decorations right after Easter. The new decoration removal date will be late September for Spring and Summer decorations.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Vickie Hudson monument came off its foundation after the January 2025 storm took down the historic tree. It took Lloyd's Stoneworks quite some time before they fixed it. Our insurance company paid $600.00 to Lloyd's Stoneworks to fix the monument.

The Bunting plot issue was finally resolved with a visit to Melson's by Janice and Gayle. They spoke with Doug Brown and set up a meeting with him, his gravedigger, Cindi and themselves. Janice, Cindi, Doug Brown of Melson's, Melson's gravedigger and I met at the Hannah T. Welburn Conquest monument. {History: Born 1840 around Roxana, DE, died 1900 in Georgetown, DE. Lived in Sussex County, DE. Married to Robert Conquest, formerly of Virginia. In Ancestry.com along with her husband} The marble monument had been covered by grass and dirt off and on because it was lying flat. The gravedigger determined that the monument faced Route 26, and that it had broken off its foundation. It could not be determined if there was anything remaining of her burial, unless ground penetrating radar was enlisted. Doug Brown determined that by keeping Hannah where she was, there was still room for two caskets to be buried side by side in the Bunting plot. This information was communicated to three members of the Bunting family by Janice, Cindi, and I. They very graciously understood that there would be enough room for their family, even with Hannah included. Cindi offered to reimburse them for their plot, but they declined the offer. The Bunting family asked that Hannah Conquest's monument be repaired. Lloyd's Stoneworks met with Cindi and estimated the cost of a new foundation at approximately $350.00. The cemetery committee decided to pay for the cost, instead of trying to find possible relatives, since the grave was so old. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Patti to pay for the repair of the Conquest monument. All were in favor.

The cemetery committee's bank account has been transferred to WSFS, due to fraud problems at Linkbank; our CD's are staying with Linkbank.

Attached is a photo of the cemetery gates. Both are in need of repair. The gates have dry-rotted and are falling apart. It was determined that a heavy chain could be placed across the opening instead. Cindi will ask Joe Quinn how to remove the gates. We may need to contact the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to see if they have any issue with removing the gates which are on their property.

Attached is a photo of the sign that is split in two. Cindi thinks we should use donation money to pay for two new signs. They will be not be installed like the old one. Carol recommended AD-ART. Cindi will look into the possible cost of getting new signs.

Connie and Steve Ennis asked how to fix their two monuments which were damaged in the January 2025 storm. This was the reason they attended the meeting. They live in Laurel and don't come often to Dagsboro. Cindi suggested they submit photos that Cindi can send to the insurance company.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Steve to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.