

FOUNTAIN HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Deep River Town Hall
March 17, 2014
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Richard Forristall called the meeting to order of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association at 7:00 p.m.

I. **Roll Call:** Richard Forristall, Mark Lowrey, Jayne Mather, Melissa Lowrey, Rhonda Forristall, Sue Miron, Matt Elgart, Diane Brooks and Art Thompson
Absent: Angus McDonald, Scott Nelson and Martin Nadel

II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 20, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

III. **Communications**
None to report.

IV. **Chairman's Report – Richard Forristall**

There have been five burials in the last two weeks with another taking place this Wednesday. One lot was purchased back at the cost of \$600 and sold for the current rate of \$950. One deed was signed.

Point of Interest – Winthrop Cemetery had a burial request for burying without a vault. The association denied this request saying it was not their policy to do so. The requestor asked for backup documentation stating such. When none could be found, they were required to proceed with the burial without a vault.

Richard pointed out that our rules and regulations state a vault must be used in a burial.

This brought up the discussion for green burials. The body is not prepped. It is placed in a composite box. The body decontaminates on its own. This prompted several questions, including if this is something we want to offer in our cemetery. Richard will ask Sam Fuginetti (Robinson, Wright and Weimer Funeral Home) to attend the next meeting to give the Association more information on the topic.

V. **Financial Statement – Jayne Mather**

Jayne reported we are on track with the budget at 83% (see attached). The only item above budget is fuel. This can be attributed to the increase in price and the extended winter season. Before this year end, we will need to access additional money from the Perpetual Fund.

The Association did receive some donations. Jayne Mather's husband, Tom, recently passed. Donations were made in his name for the Chapel totaling \$1,500.

VI. Superintendent's Report – Rich Forristall

A few new batteries have been purchased for the pickup truck. The back hoe has been modified and is working well. This has proven to be a safety factor and time saver.

The floor of the utility shed is to be sealed. This will stop moisture from wet equipment from seeping into the floor.

Part-time Position

It's the time of year for the part-time employee to start. Richard, Mark and Jayne will meet to discuss rate of pay, start and end time and job description. This meeting should be scheduled prior to April 1st.

Health Coverage for the Superintendent

Jayne received notification this coverage will not continue as we only employ one person. The company will not renew with one employee. Jayne will look at other options, including Obama Care.

VII. Committee Reports

Wooster Chapel – Mark Lowrey

Mark picked up the storm windows but they have yet to be installed due to the extremely cold weather. Hopefully, they can be installed soon. The windows will then be completed and Mark can turn his attention to the wood work in the auditorium.

The ceiling and balcony have been repaired, with the back wall still needing some restoration. Also, the front door will need new framing and trim. After installing the plaques under the windows, the chapel will be in pretty good shape. This would be a good time to open the chapel to the public to see the amount of work that has already been completed and to hopefully generate more interest.

Going forward, the chapel needs heat and electrical wiring up to the main floor. Lighting fixtures will need to be purchased and installed.

The chapel should be alright for use this summer if an event is held during the day. Heat and lighting would need to be completed if events were to be held later in the year.

There was discussion as to what to charge for use of the chapel. This will need to be investigated further.

Beth Shalom Section – Martin Nadel

No Report

VIII. Old Business – no report

New Business

Two Sub-Committees to be Formed

Financial Committee - to look ahead at future funds needed. Members will include Richard, Jayne, Scott, Art and Martin. Their first meeting will be the first week in April.

Chapel Budget Committee - to look at future needs, cost and how to proceed for raising funds. Members will include Mark, Rhonda, Sue and Melissa.

Winter Newsletter

Our submission was not published. Melissa will re-submit for the summer publication.

Rhonda will submit the information in the newsletter to the Valley Courier and to the local online paper, Valley News.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Forristall adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Lowrey, Secretary