

Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the meeting of **September 17, 2018**, at **Richard H SmithTown Hall** at **7:04 pm**.

1a. **Members in Attendance:** Matt Elgart Rhonda Forristall Richard Forristall Robert Larson Jayne Mather
Susan Miron Scott Nelson Arthur Thompson Also in attendance was Reverend Merrill Perkins

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2018 were approved as corrected

Correction: Section 5. Financial Statements & Report: This sentence:

Treasurer Jayne Mather provided the final financial statement for the fiscal year that ended **March 30, 2018**. Should read:

Treasurer Jayne Mather provided the final financial statement for the fiscal year that ended **April 30, 2018**.

3. **Communications:**

**As a result of a newspaper article a number of green burial inquiries were received from funeral directors.

**Reverend Perkins personally transmitted his congregation's desire to resume using the Mystic Village facility for some of their Sunday services. Use of Wooster Chapel would likely be reduced to twice monthly.

**Robinson & Wright used the chapel one time during the summer, and it seemed to work out well for them.

4. **President's Report:** Richard Forristall reported on the following:

**This was the busiest summer season in his memory. Due to early season rain and warm temperature, grass grew at a rate difficult for mowers to keep up with. He also mentioned the number of burials that took place during this summer. Treasurer Mather interjected that income from lot sales and burials was up \$10,000 over a comparable period last year.

**Seasonal help performed very well. **Paving behind the maintenance shed is working out well

**Richard is handling a complaint regarding damage to a gravestone. In the opinion of the gravestone company, the damage could not have been caused by a rock propelled by a mower. Richard has informed the complainant on several occasions it is not the responsibility of the Association to pay for repairs unless we caused the damage.

5. **Financial Statements & Report:** Treasurer Jayne Mather indicated that at the end of August, 2018 (33% of the fiscal year), our cash balance stands at \$41,725.26, a healthy increase over the cash balance at the close of the prior fiscal year. The Wooster Chapel Operating Budget shows a cash balance of \$1,178.95. The Building Fund has an unexpended balance of \$2,766.26.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

**Beth Shalom is in the process of signing a contract for work to be done on their section of the cemetery. Work to be done over a 25-day period.

**Two plots were sold to the same person in the Pet Cemetery. Her pet dog was interred without being cremated.

7. **Committee Reports:**

****Green Burial:** The site President Forristall is recommending will be visited by board members on Saturday, September 24, 2018. Action will be taken on that recommendation at our November meeting.

****Newsletter:** No community newsletters have come out of late. So the reports written by Rhonda Forristall have gone unused.

****Cemetery Walk:** Scheduled for October 27, 2018, 10 am.

****Preservation Committee:** Incorporation documents have been prepared by Robert Larson, and will be filed with the State of Connecticut this week.

****Financial Committee:** Treasurer Mather reviewed the distributions we received from Wooster trusts. She suggests that we meet with representatives of Bank of America, the caretakers of the trusts.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** In recognition for the time and effort that Mark Lowrey has spent in cleaning, maintaining, supervising alterations, and scheduling usage, President Forristall suggested returning Mark's check for usage of the chapel for the baptism of a grandchild. Motion to approve made by Jayne Mather; seconded by Scott Nelson. Motion passed.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Arthur Thompson, Secretary