

## Fountain Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors

1. Richard Forristall **called to order** the Annual Meeting of May 13, 2019, at **Richard H Smith Town Hall** at **7:10 pm**.

1a. **Members in Attendance:** David Blifford Matt Elgart Rhonda Forristall Richard Forristall Robert Larson Mark Lowrey Jayne Mather Susan Miron Martin Nadel Scott Nelson Arthur Thompson

1b. **Annual Meeting items:**

\*\*David Blifford was nominated and appointed unanimously as a new board member.

\*\*The following members were nominated and elected to a one-year term on FHCA Board of Directors:

David Blifford Matt Elgart Rhonda Forristall Richard Forristall Robert Larson

Mark Lowrey Jayne Mather Susan Miron Martin Nadel Scott Nelson Arthur Thompson

\*\*The following directors were reelected as FHCA Board officers:

President: Richard Forristall Vice-President: Mark Lowrey Treasurer: Jayne Mather Secretary: Arthur Thompson

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

4. President's Report: Word omitted: Sentence should read: "Angus promised **to** discuss that paving..."

4. Financial Statements & Report: Incorrect spelling of name: should read "**Brennan Joy**."

3. **Communications:** None

4. **President's Report:** Richard Forristall reported that the past few months have been busier than usual, mostly due to increased full burials. Brennan Joy will be returning next month after the completion of his college term. Until Bryan Kollmer completes his injury rehab, Brennan will take on additional responsibilities. On a motion by Martin Nadel, seconded by Scott Nelson, Richard was authorized to raise Brennan's hourly rate.

Richard has discussed the cemetery paving work with Angus McDonald. No specific date has been set for the paving to begin, and the price has yet to be determined. On a related matter, Beth Shalom has committed to donate \$8,000 to our paving budget, that amount to be spread over two years.

5. **Financial Statements & Report:** Treasurer Jayne Mather provided a summary of our financial state at the end of our fiscal year, describing the past fiscal year as "tremendous," one of our best in terms of lot sales. According to Jayne, there were no surprises. Income from use of the Wooster Chapel was below budget expectations, but expenses were also lower, so the Chapel closed positively for the fiscal year. There has been little activity lately on the chapel building project. Thus, funds remain for projects that Mark Lowrey has planned for the coming summer.

President Forristall presented his estimation of operational costs for specific services that we provide, including full burial, cremation burial, foot stone foundation & placement, and head stone foundation. After some discussion, a revised schedule of burial fees was approved. The motion to approve made by Martin Nadel, seconded by Rhonda Forristall was passed unanimously.

6. **Superintendent's Report:** Richard Forristall reported that mowing has begun for this season, with some equipment having already been maintained, and the remainder to be completed. As previously stated, Brennan Joy will be returning next month, and Bryan Kollmer is anticipating his return in July.

7. **Committee Reports:**

\*Chapel: Mark Lowrey indicated that there were two projects that he planned to complete during the summer.

\*Beth Shalom: Richard presented a plot plan showing a total of 185 burial spots in the expansion.

\*Green burial: Still no decision regarding the section of the cemetery that will be devoted to green burial.

\*Town newsletter: The date for the next newsletter remains uncertain. Rhonda Forristall did report on a joint venture involving the CT River Museum and DR Historical Society, which may involve a cemetery walk in both towns.

\*Preservation Society: The organization is now incorporated, and application will be made posthaste to IRS for tax exempt status. To announce this new organization, FHCA Board will host an open house at Wooster Chapel on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** None

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur R. Thompson, Secretary