

Minutes of Annual Meeting
Of
McCutchanville Cemetery Association

A meeting of the Trustees of the McCutchanville Cemetery Association was held on February 13, 2023 at the McCutchanville Community Church at 7pm.

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| Present: Eddie Moll Jr., President | Kent Burrese |
| Kurt Georgesen, Secretary/Treasurer | Walter Koch |
| Allen France, Vice President | Merl McCutchan |
| Glen Schlensker, Internment Specialist | Paula Swope: Data Site Recorder |
| Don Moffett | Guest: Jason McCutchan |

The minutes from the previous report (February 14, 2022) and the financial report for 2022 were read to those present, and motions made to be accepted for approval by Glen 1st, 2nd by Walt, approved unanimously.

The fee for cemetery plots shall be raised to \$1500 by May 1st, 2023 (paid in full amount), and \$500 burial maintenance fee, motion accepted by 1st Don, 2nd Kent, and affirmed by unanimous approval. Any cremations are subject to the same closing fee, and to allow, not more than two internments per burial plot.

Kurt will retain Republic for trash service. Kurt has the acquired Flags from the American Legion to use for Memorial Observance, Eddie will contact service participants.

Eddie has the hard drive back-up to scan any records for our files so, as to have an electronic copy, only for back-up and not public information, also copies of old ledger book of minutes. This should help prevent fraudulent attempts by hackers, con-artists, etc. Eddie and Paula can work on it together. Eddie will continue to communicate with Paula for the website updating. Eddie has been given permission by the board to contact Centerpoint about the two Maple trees along Erskine Lane, that were topped by Vectren for their power lines over the years, to be cut and removed, due to their extensive damage, and collateral liabilities to the cemetery and the church.

Motion made for Eddie Moll for President, Kurt Georgesen as Secretary/Treasurer, and Allen France as Vice president for 2023 was affirmed, 1st Merl, 2nd Walt, with unanimous approval. It was affirmed that Eddie and Allen can continue to work together with the cemetery's routine business, Glen would call Merl to help with spotting for memorial stones.

Opening and closing of graves, reaffirmed to be done by Glen Schlensker et al. as designated grave diggers. The Position of Sexton, has been left to Glen and Merl to share in said duties. Kurt will contact Superior Yard Solutions for grass mowing and weed-trimming, and to keep cost efficiency in mind. Discussion made of searching for affordable stone straightening sources, and to make fencing repairs by Kansas road, for which Walt will get some quotes. Reaffirmed families should be responsible for their stones straightened as necessary.

Discussion of additional property acquisitions, if any become available i.e. County road project replaced parking area with adjacent parking and sidewalk access. Motion made to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Annual meetings will be scheduled after Jan.31st, due to banks not required to send annual 1099-INT statements until said date, availability in February due to church meetings.

Items of Review:

Computerized Mapping Research:

Paula has mapping of the graves and plot, which she will continue the digitized records. Paula will continue to update the cemetery's website, with all the index card information and known grave sites listed.

Recorded Revision of Bylaws:

Of record the revision copies of the 1993 Revised Bylaws of (April 21st, 1908 original), that were approved at the 2009 meeting: (1) General members (Article III, 1), shall designate living purchasers of lots, and those lots held as a result of descension, limited to one representative of said ancestor. (2) Quorum of Members Meeting (Article IV,5) was to be 25% of the eligible votes present, which could be cast to: call to have a special meeting of the members, election of directors, and to vote on any motion or item submitted by the Board of Directors for a membership vote.

Maintenance will ensure complete mowing, limb removal, and safe mowing practices so as not to damage stones, vaults, and the fence, and to limit injury. This would include push mowing and lawn trimming, hole filling, and limited stone straightening.

It has been reaffirmed by board of situation of single or triple lots left in settings need to be sold as 'opportunities present'. Some cemeteries require purchase of plots in pairs. Kurt has suggested allowing fence aisle lot sales to adjoining family lots, on condition, to use flush grave markers, so as not to restrict mower access.

Stone foundation rule: to be 18 inches deep with a 6 inch thick collar stone, creating a 4 inch border, and located between the stone and the foundation (made of poured solid concrete set level bottom). It is the owner of the plot's responsibility, to reset old family stones that have fallen.

Burial vaults are to be of structurally rigid, and long-lasting material, to prevent caving-in.

Additional Commemorative Markers position: Notarized letters of permission to alter or add.

*Addendums: Rulings and laws for cemetery owners in the State of Indiana of note: law states cemetery can repay original purchase price to plot holders; after 50 years, must send letter to last known address, then put advertisement in local paper, then the owner(s) have 60 days to reply.

*Indiana Court Ruling on opening/closing graves by contractors can be specified by cemetery owners, and if not approved, can be denied access to property. This is based on Indiana law for cemetery operator's right to unencumbered upkeep of grounds in perpetuity and final say in what can be done to plots as to custom and by-laws (sic. Association).

Kurt Georges
Secretary/Treasurer