

Minutes of Annual Meeting
Of
McCutchanville Cemetery Association

A meeting of the Trustees of the McCutchanville Cemetery Association was held on January 18, 2010 at the McCutchanville Community Church at 7pm.

Present:	Paul Gene Swope, President	Lloyd Patterson
	Paul Moffett, Vice President	Walter Koch
	Kurt Georgesen, Secretary/Treasurer	Evelyn France
	Glen Schlensker, Internment Specialist	Kent Burrese
		Eddie Moll Jr.

Guests: Diane Schlensker
Dorris Moffett

The minutes from the previous meeting (February 12, 2009) and the financial report for 2009 were read to those present, and motion made to be accepted for approval by Glen Schlensker, seconded by Kurt Georgesen.

The fee for cemetery plots shall be \$600 same as in 2009(paid in full amount), and \$200 burial maintenance fee reaffirmed, after discussion to increase. Any cremations are subject to the same perpetuity fee.

Opening and closing of graves, reaffirmed to be done by Henry & Glen Schlensker as designated grave diggers, by motion of Kurt, seconded by Walter Koch. None of the directors present were interested in the position of Sexton, determined Kurt and Paul Swope would have to share in said duties. Kurt suggested that grub control be bought and applied this year to reduce mole runs and damage there-of, causing uneven settling of stones and scalping of the turf when mowing. Kurt reported that they were able to keep the maintenance cost relatively low at \$2375, despite a very wet summer in which the grass grew more in summer than usual. Kurt provided a reading of expenses back to 2000, with a seven year average of \$3445, the highest was \$4180.

Computerized Mapping Research:

Paul Swope displayed examples of his mapping of the graves and plot, that he will continue to work to digitize the records. Paul informed the board that the cemetery now has its own website that was registered this year, with all the index card information and known grave sites listed.

Approval of Revision of Bylaws (1993):

Paul Swope recorded the revision copies of the 1993 Bylaws 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 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.

Paul Gene Swope for President, Kurt Georgesen as Secretary/Treasurer, and Paul Moffett as Vice president was reaffirmed for 2010.

Paul Gene Swope will work with Lloyd Patterson. Kurt Georgesen will work with Paul Swope for having copies made of the records and maps.

A motion was made for the Trustees to appoint Eddie Moll Jr. for the opening on the board by Kurt, and seconded by Walter Koch.

Board asked Walter Koch to inquire further into the old Traylor property, for purchase, bordering the Moffett Addition, which he had discussed with Thom Solecki. Walt inquired of the church's old parsonage property, which may be sold. Other property behind Solecki was listed at \$115,000 for 3 acres, and was determined overvalued for said location and access.

Walt inquired as to lot availability – Moffett addition at 280, East and West additions not being actively sold, due to determination of lot vacancies and abandonment conditions.

The East Lower point is wooded and would require clearing before sales, has been plotted in the past. The East northwestern drop off, is also vacant, except for the few encompassed by the box elder bush.

Mowing service for 2010 would be determined by Paul Swope and Kurt Georgesen. A contract will be signed to insure complete mowing, limb removal, and safe mowing practices so as not to damage stones, vaults, and the fence, and to limit injury. This should include push mowing and lawn trimming.

Kurt reaffirmed board of situation of single or triple lots left in settings need to be sold as 'opportunities present'. Glen informed some cemeteries require purchase of plots in pairs. Kurt 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 reaffirmed of 18 inches deep with a 6 inch thick collar stone, creating a 4 inch border, and located between the stone and the foundation (poured solid concrete set level bottom). Kurt suggested to research cost of resetting old stones that have fallen.

Walter mentioned that the Board should look into installing a new fence to replace the one in disrepair along the west addition. Paul would research options, and Kurt stated that the boundary should be reaffirmed before installation.

Motion made to adjourn by Glen, seconded by Walter.

Topics not covered in meeting slated for discussion at next one:

*Attach 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, sent letter to last address 60 days, then advertisement in local paper, if the owner's reply.

Indiana Court Ruling on opening/closing contractors specified by cemetery owners, and if not approved can be denied access to property. This is based on Indiana law for cemetery owner'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.

Kurt Georgesen
Secretary