

Annual Meeting of the Richfield Cemetery Association – Oak Hill Cemetery

November 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Richfield United Methodist Church Hall

Board Members present: Alton Goodspeed, Susan Goodspeed, Larry Purcell, Dolly Purcell, Cathy Salin, John Gorra; unable to attend: Rebecca Freund, Marilyn Long, Dennis Purcell

Staff present: David Peterson, superintendent

Members present: Rob Nordin, Judith B. Miller, Krista Garry, Dana Nicholson, Joel Carter, Laurie Fetterman, Sally Knutson

Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by Alton Goodspeed, President

Alton (Butch) shared the founding story of the cemetery, and a few stories of ‘through the years’ and those interred. Additional stories shared by Dolly. Judith (Judy) noted the need to begin building the stories of the cemetery now, while they are still remembered. There was conversation about ways to encourage collecting those stories, and ways to collect and store/share them. She is available to work with anyone interested in pursuing this.

- Collect stories with ‘story prompt’ on the website?
- Be attentive to family histories and stories as folks buy or use spaces
- Initially, keep in a binder in the office, as well as online (if stories are not from the family directly, we should ensure the approval of family, if possible, prior to posting publicly)

Minutes of Last Annual Meeting (December 7, 2013) were shared by Sue Goodspeed, Secretary

Financial Statements: revenues and expenses from 2023/4 (fiscal year) were shared by Larry Purcell, Treasurer.

- Elaborating on Larry’s numbers: receipts for FY2024 (10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024):
 - Perpetual Care: 14,855.70
 - Checking: 126,170.00
 - Expenses: (128, 717.83)

Operations Report was given by David Peterson, Superintendent. David shared sales and burial numbers, and an overview of general maintenance: NCI, A-1 Sarff, Wayne Johnson, and Al Loftsgard.

Comments were made re: green burials. Since Oak Hill is one of very few cemeteries handling ‘greens,’ we should find a way to lift up that distinction. (what companies provide preparation services? Can we publicize there?)

No Old Business or New Business

Plans for 2024-2025 were not addressed directly, except that the wall should be rebuilt this fall and oak trees were donated. The cemetery will work to right tilting/falling monuments, first attempting to contact owner families for payment, then covering cost ourselves.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.