

Cemetery Meeting Agenda for September 12, 2024

Roll Call

Members Present: Todd Wentworth, Fr. Matthew, Bill Ziegler, Kevin Lauer, Marty Lovrien, Rod Borden, Wayne DeCock, Suzanne Streich, Sandy Wussow, Jan Anderson, Dave Wosmek

Approved Absent: Rodney Roers- Pastoral Council Liaison

Pastoral Council Report: Fr. Matt

- Reports of trees are blocking the crucifix outside the mausoleum; we will look into it and consider what needs to be done.
- The funeral mass will be shorter when there is no communion.

Financial Report: Todd

- Updated cemetery list with new members and terms. Wayne & Bill agree to renew their terms until 2027.
- Todd reviewed checking, money market and perpetual care fund.
- Inventory:
 - Niches – 343 available
 - Crypts – 42 available
 - Graves - 314 available
- Todd will provide a pdf file sorted by location to Bill and Kevin monthly and printed copy to Jan to keep at the cemetery.

Business:

Mowing Cemetery

- RT Seasonal Services did a good job mowing and trimming.
- Pam Nanik called and reported damage to one of their monuments, likely caused by a mower. Damage to trees on the west fence line and slight damage to the fence. Deck of mower may be too big to fit easily between trees and fence. Consider weed whip grass between fence and trees instead of the mower or use a smaller mower in that area to avoid tree or fence damage. Sandy advised their vase was broken. Should blow grass away from the headstone towards the fence. Jan will call Eric to discuss and have him share concerns with the vendor.

T&B Lawn Care - Weeds

- Sprayed for weeds third week in July, grounds look better.
- Jan will ask Eric for a quote for a fall/spring fertilization for the cemetery portion. Marty agreed to provide weed control and take care of fertilizing the area surrounding the Cemetery Structures (From a line ~10 feet West of the mausoleums and continuing to the east fence line). This very small area of the cemetery would not need to be included in the T & B bid, or services, in 2025.

Weed fertilize for north and east

- Spot spraying as needed.

Monuments

- Complete the leveling and filling process on 20 monuments by winter.

Mowing of the east and north property

- Will take turns to mow our east and north properties using the John Deere. Also weed whip the fence line along the north property.
- Dave stopped mowing. Del Brode has been mowing south of the houses, east side of the cul-de-sac at no charge. Scott Roer allowed Marty to pull the weeds by the fence line. Scott advised his company will spray in Sept.

Wildflower area:

- Needs weeding in order for the wildflower garden to flourish. This would require controlled burns from time to time to maintain the growth health of the project. Long range planning committee will discuss further and call Florian Ledermann.

Equipment

- Portable Rest Room: Cleaned once a year for \$180 in the spring
- John Deere: Leaking oil, Wayne will look at it. Need weights for the back of John Deere, Brad has offered looking into making something. Rod suggested filling the wheels with liquid or similar substance. Fall equipment maintenance – Kevin, Wayne, Bil and Marty will decide who will call Midwest Machinery and add stabilizer for winter.

Winter

- Snow removal: Kevin, Bill and Marty will rotate blowing snow and shoveling around mausoleums. Todd will get a bid form Eric on blowing out main drives.

Rings and Vases:

- Provide an option to have the vase screwed in. Currently have 10 on hand.

New Business:

Camera

- Do not need a camera at the cemetery. Would consider installing a trail cam if improper activities were to increase.

LED Light

- Per existing cemetery rules, published on the website, solar lights are not permitted anywhere in the cemetery. Members will remove them and put them in the garage in case the owners come by to pick them up.

Build Timber Bins

- Build timber bins for black dirt and gravel and tarp. Kevin and Bill will review best location.
- Free timbers from M. Stennes, Brad will pick up and deliver timbers.
- Ten yards of crushed concrete donated by Alex Rubbish to improve the drive path on east side of fence. Brad will pick up and deliver.

Well and water barrel

- Clean up the area where the pressure and water tank located.
- Check into the possibility of moving the pressure tank and electrical box, and the water tank to be along the south side of the garage still keeping it accessible to people needing water. Will discuss further.

Fence

- Long Range plan to review further.

Fall Clean Up

- October 12 & 19, 9 – Noon
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm
 - Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Streich