

St. Nicholas Cemetery Committee Meeting, 9/19/24

Attendees: Father Matt, Todd Wentworth, Allan Gerlach, Judy Steidl, Norman Schlosser, Jerry Steidl, Evan Koering, Dennis Hillmer, Ellyn Ponicki, Mike Ponicki, Gary Haavig

Summary:

- Continued discussion which was started in the Finance Committee meeting: should we transfer money into the perpetual care fund-- Committee unanimously passed motion to transfer roughly half-- with nice rounding-- of both the checking and savings into the fund.
- Had discussions about any looming big projects: lots of discussion about trees on the North side of the cemetery, what to do; the old, large lawn mower has low oil pressure, Tim Baas is going to see what it would take to rebuild the engine.
- More on the trees-- a large part of the meeting was devoted to various viewpoints: should they all be removed? Should just the dead ones be pruned out of the area? Discussion netted out that a DNR person, or someone of that ilk, should come out and assess the tree health. From there, a specific plan can be derived.
- Received an update from Dennis regarding the cemetery plots, and how that is managed. Discussions focused in on whether to raise the prices per plot, as they have not been adjusted to accommodate costs in many years. Dennis will contact Dana at ICC to see what their current prices are, as a reference point.
- The final discussion point centered around a small number of leaning monuments. St. Mary's has a machine which can do the heavy lifting, so that the footings can be reset to be level once again. Evan will get in touch with Jan at St. Mary's to see if the equipment can be borrowed, and to learn about its operation.