

St. Pauli Cemetery Association

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“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps”
Proverbs 16:9

The meeting of the St. Pauli Cemetery Association was held on May 29, 2021 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Wallace, SD. The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Nelson at 10:18AM.

Attendees: Bill Hagen, James Hagen, Merlin Hagen, Ben Nelson, Bryan Nelson, Lois Sundling, Ardis Dragsten, Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan, Kari Hogstad, Wayne Kinstad, Connie Kinstad, James Thorson, Susan Thorson, Kornel Wibeto, Nathan Meland.

Members introduced themselves.

Devotion: Kathy Haugan led the devotion, Crooked Lines based on Proverbs 16:9.

Secretary Report: Lois Sundling made a motion to approve the 2020 minutes, Bill Hagen seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Kari Hogstad will reach out to MaryAnn Gusenius regarding the previous minutes while MaryAnn was secretary.

Business cards, metal photos, St. Pauli history was also discussed. The business cards will be available at the cemetery registry so visitors can have the website and email address readily available. The history will be on the website for people to download. Perhaps this will help ensure the history book stays on the cemetery grounds for others to enjoy.

Kathy will have more business cards made and ship them to Bryan or Nathan. She will also update the website to reflect any changes that result from this meeting.

Treasurer Reports: Cemetery Association, Memorial and Outdoor Structure were provided by Nathan Meland, Treasurer. James Hagen made a motion to approve the Treasurer reports, Wayne Kinstad second. Motion approved.

Discussion:

The association reviewed the various accounts held by the association.

James Thorson made a motion to transfer \$6000 from the checking account to the SD Community Foundation. Bill Hagen second, motion carried.

Kari Hogstad made a motion to move \$10,000 from the low risk Thrivent account to a medium risk Thrivent account and leave the balance in the low risk Thrivent account. James Hagen second, motion carried.

Old Business

Outdoor Structure Update

- Building: The outdoor structure is completed! Metal photos along with the cemetery map will be mounted and the registry will be secured to the concrete.
- Church replica – The replica was built by Olaf Fiksdahl. Estimated construction date is the early 1960's and is 15 inches wide, 3 feet long, and 2.5 feet high. The replica was stored in the bell tower (before the tower was removed from the church) after Olaf's death. Once the bell tower was removed from the church, Toby Fehn stored the replica. It was then stored by Merlin Hagen and most recently by Nathan Meland. James Thorson is cleaning and restoring the replica. In addition, James retrieved wood from the steeple to make a table/stand to set the model on. Once the model is complete it will be mounted in the new outdoor structure.
- The steeple was removed from the concrete pad in December 2020.
- We would like to name the structure instead of calling it the outdoor structure.

Bylaws

- The bylaws were updated by a committee of Kathy (Dragsten) Haugan, David Haugan, Wayne Kinstad and Heidi (Dragsten) Barcia. The proposed bylaws were distributed at the 2020 meeting. After providing one year for member review and suggestions, the Association unanimously voted to approve the new bylaws during the 2021 meeting.

New Business

Elections (Vice President, Secretary)

Wayne Kinstad, was nominated. Merlin Hagen make a motion nominations cease. James Thorson second. Motion carried. Wayne Kinstad was re-elected to the board.

Kathy Haugan was nominated. Bill Hagen made a motion for nominations to cease. Susan Thorson second. Motion carried. Kathy Haugan was re-elected to the board.

Other

Lichen - Wayne Kinstad reported on the lichen's growth on gravestones. Wayne sprayed *Wet & Forget* in October 2020. He plans to apply more after the meeting today. (https://landing.wetandforget.com/best-rated-siding-cleaner/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw78yFBhCZARIsAOxgSx0KRjpLs9IzNLRqonVcpCVyiaal2wrsRXVtEWwvo5ezEshBoH97epoaAuiZEALw_wcB)

Cross Light – Wayne Kinstad reported that he looked at various lights and provided the pros and cons for each. It was decided to put a solar light made for flag poles on the top of the cross. Wayne plans to mount this light after the meeting today.

Steeple Ornament – The ornament is in Watertown being powder coated. This will be mounted in or by the outdoor structure.

Items to be Completed

- Veteran board – James Thorson
- Alphabetical listing of the communion of saints buried at St. Pauli

Future Projects to Consider

- Plaque of donors
- Handicap accessibility to the project
- Road sign
- Redo sign on Highway 20

Thank You! There are so many that contribute to the upkeep and donate to the association. The board would like to thank you all. Special thank you to the following:

- Nathan Meland for the design, leadership, and physical labor for the outdoor structure.
- Bill Hagen, Merlin Hagen & Mark Meland for all of their hard work on the structure.
- Grody family for donating the guest registry.
- Ben Nelson for the cemetery map created in Excel (easier to update).
- Bryan Nelson for the beautiful cross he made and is placed in the peak of the new structure and the metal cemetery map.
- Elroy (dec 2018) & Ardis Dragsten and family for the metal photos of the church, business cards, and history book.
- Bill and Merlin Hagen for filling holes.
- Merlin Hagen for spraying for weed control (year after year).
- Wayne Kinstad family for the cross light and lichen spraying.
- Nathan Meland, Merlin Hagen, Bill Hagen and Bryan Nelson for steeple removal.

Kari Hogstad made a motion to close the meeting at 11:37AM, Kornel Wibeto second. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan, Secretary