

St. Pauli Cemetery Association

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***"Therefore encourage one another and build up one another,
just as you also are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11***

Minutes

Our annual meeting was held outside on the beautiful morning of May 28, 2022 at the St. Pauli Lutheran Cemetery. Wes Kingstad brought donuts/pastries for the group.

President Bryan Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. **Attendees:** Bryan Nelson, Nathan Meland, James & Susan Thorson, Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan & Ardis Dragsten, Wayne & Connie Kinstad, Kari Hogstad, Douglas Urevig, Rick Froslic, Bill Hagen, Wes & Judy Kinstad, Merlin Hagen, Corrine Colin
2. **Devotion/Prayer** was led by Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11.
3. **Approval of Minutes from 2021**
Minutes were distributed to those in attendance. Bill Hagen made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Merlin Hagen seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
4. **Treasurer Report Cemetery Association, Memorial, Outdoor Structure**
Treasurer Nathan Meland provided a review of finances. Wayne Kinstad made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Bill Hagen seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. **Secretary Report**
Secretary Kathy Jo Haugan reported that we as a group need to provide more email addresses (relatives?) in order to increase our contact list.

Old Business

6. Outdoor Structure Update

- **Donor Plaque** – Kathy Jo Haugan created the list and had the list put on metal to match the other photographs hanging in the outdoor structure. This has been hung in the outdoor structure.
- **Church Replica** – Originally the replica was in the church steeple. James Thorson was able to locate the replica which he improved and enhanced. The table that the replica sits on is wood from the old steeple. Our history will be updated to reflect the engaging story of the church replica.
- **Veteran Plaque** - James Thorson created the plaque with wood from steeple. The plaque looks like one of the old church windows. James provided a short history of some of the veterans.
- **Steeple Ornament** – The ornament was on the top of the church steeple. The ornament was powder coated in Watertown, SD. The group discussed where to put up the ornament. The group decided that it should go on the East side of the outdoor

structure. Kathy Jo Haugan volunteered to find the history of this ornament and/or history of steeple ornaments.

- **Alphabetical listing** those buried at St. Pauli - Kathy Jo created the list. The list is in draft form. Copies of the list were handed out and also put in the white case in the outdoor structure. Please send any changes to Kathy at stpaulicemetery@gmail.com
- **Business Cards** – Kathy created the business cards to have in the white case in outdoor structure for people to take when visiting.
- **Name the structure** – tabled.
- **Lichens on gravestones spray** – Wayne Kinstad let us know that the spray he purchased and used on the headstones worked well. He noted this should be done every couple of years.

New Business

7. Elections – 3 year term (s):

Member at Large (currently James Thorson)

James Thorson was nominated for the position. Bill Hagen made a motion for nominations to cease, Merlin Hagen, seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer (currently Nathan Meland)

Nathan Meland was nominated. Wes Kinstad made a motion for nominations to cease, James Thorson seconded. Unanimously approved.

8. Appointments – 4 year appointment(s): Webmaster (currently Kathy Jo Haugan), 3 year appointment: Sexton (currently Kornel Wibeto)

Kari Hogstad made a motion to keep the appointments as is. Bill Hagen seconded. Unanimously approved.

9. Future Projects to Consider

The following projects were discussed:

- Fill depressions in the cemetery
- Tree trimming
- Leveling headstones
- Septic tank removal Table this discussion
- Steeple ornament placement
- Handicap accessibility to the project
- Road sign on Highway 20
- Road sign
- Other – 170 feet of fencing on the North side of the cemetery was damaged in the storm

The following projects will be worked on in the summer of 2022 as time permits.

A group will be put together to work on the following:

- **Fill depressions in the cemetery**
- **Leveling headstones**
- **Tree trimming** was taken care of by the May 2022 storm. It took 7 people, 7 hours to clean up the cemetery. Some board members and members provided a semi, two skid loaders and power saws to complete the job.
- **Steeple ornament** will be placed on the property this summer.
- **Road sign** - Kathy Haugan will stop to take photos of the sign and take measurements. She will check with Outlaw Graphics in Brookings to see how much it would cost to replace it and send the information to the board.

- **Fencing** – Kathy researched companies that can repair or replace the fencing and posts damaged in the May 2022 storm. Bryan Nelson has made some calls. He is waiting for vendors to come and provide estimates.

Other

- Wes Kinstad found a list of St. Pauli baptisms on Ancestry.com. Kathy Haugan will post this information on the website.
- Kathy Haugan will send out a list of our members and request additional ways to encourage other family and friends to become part of the St. Pauli Cemetery membership.
- Nathan Melend made a request to move our checking account from Wells Fargo to another bank. Discussion ensued. James Thorson made a motion to move our Wells Fargo account to Dacotah Bank. Kari Hogstad seconded. Motion carried.
- In-kind donations. Discussion ensued. James Thorson made a motion to create a category of in-kind donations for upkeep of the cemetery (information for future board). Wes Kinstad seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy Haugan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merlin Hagen, seconded. Bryan Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Special Thank You!

For cleaning up the cemetery after the storm:

- James and Susan Thorson
- Nathan Meland
- Bill Hagen
- Merlin Hagen
- Ben Nelson
- Bryan Nelson

For cleaning the lichens off of the cemetery monuments:

- Wayne Kinstad

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You can download them from there if you wish.

Storm Damage Photos



Outdoor Chapel



Sign to be Replaced

