

# *St. Pauli Cemetery Association*

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*“but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. John 1:7*

**May 27, 2023**

**10:00 AM, St. Pauli Cemetery**

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

## **Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by President Bryan Nelson at 10:05 AM.

1. Attendees/Introductions
2. Devotion and prayer was led by Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan. John1: 6-8  
6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
3. Approval of Minutes from 2022 - Kari Hogstad made a motion to accept the 2022 minutes as written, Lois Sundling seconded. Motion carried
  - Treasurer Report(s) – Merlin Hagen made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented, Bill Hagen seconded, motion carried.
  - Changed bank - The St. Pauli Cemetery Association account is now housed with Dacotah Bank.
4. Secretary Report
  - Website updates – website updated presented. More updates to come after today’s meeting.
  - Membership Drive – continue to send names and email addresses to family and friends of St. Pauli.
  - Secretary Book – The book has been found! Thank you to June Synder and Johanna Haugan for working together to bring it to our secretary. Kathy Jo Haugan will scan the secretary book and post on the website in the next year (2023-24).

### **Old Business**

5. Outdoor Structure
  - Steeple Ornament (Spire) History – Kathy Haugan. The steeple ornament information will be posted on the website.
  - Steeple Ornament Placement – Nathan Meland placed the spired to the East of the St. Pauli Memorial Shelter. It looks spectacular!
  - Name the structure (e.g. Outdoor Chapel, memorial cornerstones) Bill Hagen made a motion to name the outdoor structure the St. Pauli Memorial Shelter, Wayne Kinstad seconded. Motion carried.
  - Road sign – The old highway road sign was removed and the new one was place by Peder Haugan.
  - Fencing – The project did not get done in 2022. This is a #1 priority for 2023.
  - Headstone leveling
  - Fill depressions in the cemetery
6. In-kind donation list – Kathy Haugan created an in-kind donation list as requested from the 2022 meeting.

## New Business

### 7. Future Projects to Consider

- Septic tank removal – tabled. Future members need to know it's there. The septic tank was placed below the church basement level.
- Handicap accessibility – Discussion ensued. This may not be a doable project for many reasons. There isn't a lot of room once someone in a wheelchair reaches the cement pad because of the bell in the middle of the St. Pauli Memorial Shelter. However, Wayne Kinstad will check with a veteran's organization to see if there is a possibility they would take on this work.
- Identify gravesites and replace markers for location. The local "work" committee will check into markers. Nathan Meland will get the markers to place on the fence.
- Native Prairie grass and flower garden – Discussion ensued. The group decided that prairie grasses and native flowers take a lot of work and many years to become self-sustaining. There would be less mowing but in the long run, it would not be feasible.
- Trees – Discussed having a campaign to "Buy a Tree". James Thorson will look into tree species and spacing and report back to the board.
- New US and Norsk flags - Wayne Kinstad will check on protocol of hanging these flags. James Thorson made a motion move ahead with the purchase of a Norsk flag once we have a plan and the board will make the final decisions, Bill Hagen seconded. Motion carried.

### 8. Other

#### **WORK DAY - June 24 - 8:00 AM. July 8 will be a back-up day.**

- Removal of tree that is in the center of the cemetery growing into another tree.
- Create a new opening on the side where the fence will be fixed that is wider when equipment needs to be utilized.
- Work crew volunteers: (More needed) Nathan Meland, Wayne Kinstad, Bill Hagen, Kari Hogstad, Kornel Wibeto.
- Work Day Materials Committee– Wayne Kinstad, Nathan Meland, Bryan Nelson.
- Work Day Meal – Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan and Ardis Dragsten volunteered to bring lunch for the crew on June 24.

The board approved dandelion spraying for 2023.

Lois Sundling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM, Bill Hagen seconded. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan  
St. Pauli Cemetery Association Secretary

#### **Special Thank You!**

Peder Haugan for putting up the new highway sign.  
Nathan Meland for placing the spire.

