# St. Pauli Cemetery Association

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*"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."* Romans 8:14

## May 24, 2025 10:00 AM Location: Calvary Lutheran Church, Wallace, SD

## Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by President Bryan Nelson at 10:05 AM.

**Attendees introduced themselves:** Karen Nelson, Gwen Conklin, Gary Conklin, Becky Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Sandra & Ryan Lamer, Wes & Judy Kinstad, Kari Hogstad, Bryan Nelson, Nathan Meland, James & Susan Thorson, Kathy (Dragsten) Haugan, Wayne & Connie Kinstad, Kornel Wibeto, Ardis Dragsten, Merlin Hagen, Bryce Crawford, James Hagen, Ben Nelson

**Devotion/Prayer:** The devotion was led by Kathy Haugan, based on Romans 8:14 "Children of God"

## Treasurer Report: Nathan Meland

- Discussion regarding the SD Community Fund.
- Reviewed paid invoices.
- **Motion** was made by James Hagen to accept the treasurer's report, Wayne Kinstad, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

## Secretary Report: Kathy Haugan

- **Motion** was made by Merlin Hagen to approve the minutes from the 2024 meeting, James Hagen, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Website Updates The website is updated annually.
- Secretary's Book Kathy has not digitized the secretary's book. The plan is to digitize the book in the winter of 2026 and post it on the website.

## **Old Business**

• Identify gravesites and replace markers for location – Report from subcommittee (Kornel Wibeto, James Hagen, James Thorson, and Heidi Barcia) Discussion:

It was noted that there is a sonar company from Flandreau to find graves. St. Pauli does have unmarked graves noted on the gravesite map. There was a reference to a Prairie cemetery in Brookings, SD, that has a beautiful sign that remembers those unmarked graves. The costs are high to place a stone on each grave. If there are any Veterans without a headstone, the VA will pay. However, the membership did not believe there were any Veterans in the unmarked graves. There was a suggestion to pour cement blocks that are colored cement with an imprint created with a 3D printer. The subcommittee's charge is to present to the membership the following:

- How to mark the graves and honor those buried there. Individually or as a group.
- Researching who is buried (is this possible?)
- Suggestions as to how to move forward

"The membership determined that the unmarked gravesites project could be a fiveyear project, with a completion date of 2029."

- Trees There are not a lot of places to plant the trees as the roots tip stones. James and Susan Thorson donated and planted two Black Hills Spruce. We will need to keep working on the existing stones that are tipping due to tree roots.
- The US and Norsk flags tin photo was permanently placed in the St. Pauli Memorial Shelter
- Dandelion Spraying was hired out and completed fall of 2024.

#### **New Business**

- Nathan Meland planted and donated a grass plant for each of the stone church corners.
- The cedar inside the Memorial Shelter requires a sealant coat. The board asked the members to think about this some more. If someone wants to volunteer for this project, let a board member know.
- Nathan Meland cleaned up barn swallow nests in the St. Pauli Memorial Structure
- Repair the wood on the bell in the St. Paul Memorial Structure It was determined that the wood needs sealant.
- Continue leveling the headstones and filling in the holes.
- Wayne Kinstad continues to spray the lichens on the headstones.
- Numbers/Letters that outline the cemetery may need a new background to see them better.
- Sandra Lamer suggested we apply for a Thrivent Grant for \$250. The group suggested that the sealant and green paint for the outhouse door be paid for with a grant. Sandra is willing to write the grant.
- The Jerome Ustrud family found the original St. Pauli Articles of Incorporation. The family donated them back to the St. Pauli Cemetery Association. Kathy Haugan will find out how to preserve these documents.

## Elections

- **Motion** was made by James Hagen to nominate James Thorsen (Member at Large) and Nathan Meland (Treasurer), Merlin Hagen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- **Motion** was made by Kornel Wibeto that nominations cease Merlin Hagen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. James Thorson and Nathan Meland were re-elected to the board.

#### **Appointments**

**Sexton:** Kari Hogstad made a motion that Kornel Wibeto remain as Sexton, James Hagen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

### Mange Tusen Takk (Many Thousand Thanks) to

- James and Susan Thorson for the Black Hills Spruce trees they donated and planted in memory of Albert & Irene Thorson, James & Carrie (Kvilekval) Thorson, and Peder & Inga (Fiksdal) Dragsten.
- Becky and Kevin Johnson, Bryan Nelson, and Ben Nelson for the tin photo of the US and Norsk Flags in the St. Pauli Memorial Shelter.
- Jerome Ustrud Family for donating the original St. Pauli Articles of Incorporation.
- Nathan Meland for the grass plants he planted and donated for each of the stone church corners.
- Sandra Lamer for willing to write a Thrivent grant.
- Wayne Kinstad for spraying the lichens on the headstones.
- Wayne and Connie Kinstad for the treats for the meeting.
- Kornel Wibeto for always getting the coffee ready.
- And to all who care, donate, can come to the meetings, and pray for the St. Pauli Cemetery Association.