

Friends of Pine Ridge Cemetery

03/28/17 Minutes

Attendees: Jane Kneller-Krysinski, Gerry Schroeder, Linda Proulx, Eric Jylha, Steve Kent, Ron Graham, Nancy Graham, Roger Rosebush, Pat Williams, Steve Balcer, Adam Wilcox, Erv Hutter, Andy Hutter, Monica Fall.

1. Minutes from the last meeting. Approved as posted on friendsofpineridge.com.

2. Legal & Accounting.

* Treasurer's report. There is \$2500.99 (checking) and \$243.88 (PayPal) for a total of \$2744.87. Two donations (\$200.00 and \$50.00) will be posted to the total.

* Credit card updates. Debit card used for gas this year for gasoline.

* Acknowledgement of donation letter with thank you note. A formal acknowledgement of a donation in letter form was created. It contains all pertinent information needed to claim a tax deduction. This letter will be enclosed in all future thank you cards.

3. Mowing and Maintenance Committee

* Mowing issues. Suggestion that the grass needn't be cut as often and could be left an inch longer.

* Trimming issues. See above suggestion.

* Mowing volunteers. Spread the word! We are in need of more volunteers! Ron will be out of commission for some time due to an injury.

* Damaged fence (Ridge and others). The fence shared by Pine Ridge and the Jewish Cemetery was damaged by a falling Pine Ridge Tree limb. Ron was able to repair the damage. Damage to the Ridge Road fence is extensive. Two separate hit-and-run accidents were reported to the Bay City Police by Ron. It will cost \$3875.00 to replace the entire Ridge Road fence with professional grade fencing. Bay Farm Services has offered to donate the labor required to erect the fence.

* Solar lights. Ron advised he would like to be able to install a couple of solar lights on the big storage shed. He would also like to place vents at each peak of the shed for moisture control.

* Home Depot Clean Up Day. Spring clean up day is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/19, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

* Eagle Scout project. Boy Scout Andy Hutter, has submitted an Eagle Scout project where he will level, mulch and landscape the cannon corner in preparation to receive

delivery and placement of the cannon balls at Soldiers Rest.

4. Historic Records. Clara Pasko has not returned from Florida yet, but we are sure she has been diligently working on historic records. Roger Rosebush advised that he possesses a copy of some of Dorothy Moore's old cemetery records.

5. Restoration and Recovery of Headstones. Ron has high hopes of a banner year discovering buried gravestones. Help will be needed with recovery.

6. Fund-raising Committee

* Grants or fundraisers

a) Grants. Gerry submitted and was approved for a grant for \$200.00 by the Bay City Lions Club. Linda is submitting a grant for funds from the McLaren Bay Medical Foundation. Discussion was held regarding applying for grants from Large corporations & Foundations.

b) Fundraisers. Gerry, Linda and Jane met recently to discuss ideas for fundraising. A "GoFundMe" account will be tried for the fence project.

* Letterhead & stationery. Discussion was held about creating a professional-looking letterhead for office stationery. Steve Kent passed around a sketch for consideration.

* Letter to request funds. We will look into a letter-writing campaign to ask for donations from large area businesses and organizations.

7. Public Relations, Media & Programs

* Memorial Day. Memorial Day will falls on Monday, May 29th. Boy Scout leaders, Adam Wilcox and Steve Balcer, advised that the Boy Scouts will be in charge of the Memorial Day program this year. Details to be determined.

* Others? Eric will contact local news outlets regarding the Ridge Road fence damage. Steve Kent will write and post an article about the damage to website, mybaycity.com. Discussion was held about the possibility of creating a short film about Pine Ridge for a local film fest.

8. New Business: Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017