

Hales Passage Scandinavian Lutheran Cemetery Association

Annual Meeting Agenda – May 17, 2014

Sears Farm across from Cemetery

I Call to Order

35 people were present for the potluck lunch and meeting. Many more were involved with the cemetery clean up, but had afternoon obligations.

II Read and Approval of Minutes to previous Membership and Board Meetings

Minutes were read and approved without correction.

III Treasurer's Report & Plots Sales

Expenses –	\$457.81
Donations -	\$640.00
Sale of 2 Plots	\$800.00
Interment Fees	\$350.00
Checking Balance	\$7225.39
CD Balance	\$13243.79 includes interest of \$11.20

IV Acknowledging those who passed away during the year

Dwight Edward Stephens	buried elsewhere, parents in cemetery
26 Aug 1949, Tacoma, WA	4 Feb 2012 Gig Harbor, WA

(Acknowledgement was missed last year)

David Lee Berntsen	740 cr
28 Aug 1936, Parkland, WA	24 Aug 2013, Edgewood, WA

Donna Gail Turner	100 B
14 February 1938	6 Sept 2013, Olalla, WA

Ingvar Mathias Drage	318 cr
10 April 1926, Aspa, Norway	6 October 2013, Tacoma, WA

Janet Mary Fosberg Reinmuth	2164 cr
23 August 1943, Portland, Ore	23 December 13, Gig Harbor, WA

V Old Business

- New sign is in place. New sign was created by Larsen Sign company in Tacoma and installed by Doug Holzinger and his crew
- Website Update. The website (www.cromwellcemetery.org) is up and running. Laurie and Doug met with John Ohlson of Dragonwyck Web Design. The total cost was \$710.92. This includes a onetime fee of domain name registration and 3 months of webhosting which will run to August 15. Each 3 month period will be billed at \$89.97. As of this morning there were 100 visitors. The board will assess the usage after a year of in place.
- Fence and other Repairs. A portion of the north fence line was repaired by Viking Fence Company. Thanks to Ben Pearson for repairing 2 faucets that had leaks

VI **New Business**

- Cleaning up Trees and branches on North side of property. Ben mentioned to those in attendance that any major planting or pruning needs to be approved by the Board as stated in the Cemetery Policy Document.
- Archiving Cemetery Documents with Harbor History Museum. Laurie had not had an opportunity to talk with the Museum about this, but will do so in the near future. Laurie will meet with the new director as to the procedure to have our documents stored at the History Museum. To do so we need to relinquish ownership of the documents. There are many advantages for doing this; all materials will be in a safe, secure and climate controlled environment, they could be accessible by more individuals wishing to conduct research and we would save \$110 per year for not having a safe deposit box which can only be accessed by a few individuals
- Cemetery Brochure – Laurie showed a copy the new cemetery brochure fashioned after the likes of the one made by Artondale Cemetery. One was included with each newsletter and was placed on the website. We will look into how they could be utilized at the cemetery, maybe with a plastic box like real estate agencies use.
- Election of Officers President -Vice President - Secretary – Treasurer
After no one wished to partake as an officer, it was moved and seconded to retain the current slate of officers for another year:
President Ben Pearson
Vice President Joyce Sears
Treasurer Donna Doherty
Secretary Laurie Dahl Isacson
- Election of Trustee – It was moved and seconded to reinstate Doug Holsinger for another 3 year term. Current trustees are:
Suzan Rosenthal 2012 - 2015
Nate Sears 2013 - 2016
Doug Holsinger 2014 - 2017

VII **Other**

- Ed Berntsen gave a brief history of the little Norwegian sail boat, the *Yakup* that his father Fritz Berntsen built. In 2006 it was donated to the Harbor History Museum and refurbished with many donations from Cromwell residents. Ed was concerned that as museum staff had changed so did the focus for the *Yakup*. Ed introduced Ted Smith, the new director of the Harbor History Museum,. Ted noted that while the *Yakup* was in storage, the intent of the museum is to find a permanent use of the vessel with a 5 year plan. This will be dependent on future funding efforts.
- It was noted that today marked the 200th Anniversary of the Norwegian Independence Day, *Surden de Mai*, 17th of May.
- The Sears/Mitton families were thanked for their hospitality. Thanks was extended to all who mowed, weeded and cleaned during the year – Dick Brynestad, Bob Quy, Ben Pearson and Dan Meyer. Thanks to others who are not named.

VIII **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15
Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Dahl Isacson, Secretary