

Hales Passage Scandinavian Lutheran Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2015
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 –	\$1327.04
Donations -	\$620.00
Sale of 3 Plots	\$1200.00
Interment Fees (5)	\$250.00
Checking Balance	\$7525.39
CD Balance	\$13252.39 (includes interest of \$11.30)

IV Acknowledging those who passed away during the year

Ida May Rudsit	178 A
22 May 1918, Seko, Montana	25 May 2014, Gig Harbor, WA

Barbara Odgen Pearson	129 B
31 January 1934, Tacoma, WA	4 July 2014, Gig Harbor, WA

Lisa Ann Berntsen	702 - cr
6 Sept 1965, Tacoma, WA	29 Oct 2014, Sherpani Pass, Nepal

V Old Business

- Website Evaluation – The website is off to a great start with over almost 765 visitors in one year. Several of these were inquiries as to relatives who may have been buried at the cemetery. One inquiry came from British Columbia, BC. So indeed we have expanded our horizons. We have had several comments on how professional and informative the site is!
Suggestions: from the Board
 1. Have a “Donate” link with Paypal on the home page – *Webmaster said that this would not be effective for our needs.*
 2. Put the date /time of the Work Party on the home page or a visible link to the newsletter – *done*
 3. Explore the possibility of having an email registry created through the website for future correspondence – *Webmaster said that email addresses are able to be seen with a portal within the site.*
- 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
- Laurie will continue to send the newsletter both via email and snail mail
- All Cemetery Documents are archived and secure with the Harbor History Museum. They can be accessed by anyone wishing to do so by making an appointment with someone at the front desk.

VI **New Business**

- Election of Officers President -Vice President - Secretary – Treasurer

After no one wished to partake as an officer, the current officers agreed to serve another term. 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 Suzan McCormick for another 3 year term. Current trustees are:

Nate Sears	2013 – 2016
Doug Holsinger	2014 - 2017
Suzan Rosenthal	2015 – 2018

VII **Other**

- Ed Berntsen noted that the little Norwegian sail boat, the *Yakup* has been moved to the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum on Dock Street in Tacoma
- The Sears/Mitton families were thanked for their hospitality
- Many thanks to all who those who mowed, weeded and cleaned during the year – Dick Brynestad, Bob Quy, Ben Pearson and Dan Meyer. Thanks to others who are not named.
- Joanie Mitton noted that there was a very nice piece of property for sale next to the Cemetery.

VIII **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Dahl Isacson, Secretary