

The board of trustees met on January 23, 2023 at the offices of the cemetery.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Phipps at 1:30 pm, and President Phipps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members were present. Marilee then made motion to approve the agenda, Sandra seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Marilee made motion to approve minutes from previous meetings. Sandra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: Mrs. Beverly Cota wants to move her sister's grave to another plot. She believes that she was denied the plot she wanted, but never made effort to procure with a deposit or contract. Another person was unhappy with the gates being locked after hours. It was explained that certain activities made it necessary to limit hours of visitation.

Treasurers report: Mechanics Bank: \$371,387.99 Provident: \$236,986.01

Motion by Sandra to accept report, Richard second. Passed unanimously.

Old business: Discussion of shade structure: Tabled to future meeting. Gate on canal side finished. South side needs to be repaired still. Half of signs are up for speed limits and legal limits. Also times of closed gates.

The status of Case backhoe; age and repairs it needed, following what was invested in it over the past three years was discussed. Marilee moved to seek a grant from CIF for \$50,000.00 to aid in the purchase of a John Deere backhoe. Price with trade-in is \$97,500.00. Richard seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Much discussion about walk-through gates but no decision at this time.

Hours of visiting were discussed at length. Staff works from 7:00 til 3:30 pm. Extended hours will be more costs. A volunteer program was discussed for weekends and longer hours. New hours for visitation set starting Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>: 7:00am-4:00pm daily. Volunteers will be sought to open and close a gate on each side of the grounds on the weekends and holidays.

New business: Costs are increasing on vaults and labor. Tabled til February. Audit due and Susie is working on it.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19.

Next meeting February 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted



Sandra Van Dyke, Secretary