

Cemetery Board Minutes: October 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:11pm at Red Lodge City Hall by Dan Gainer

Members present: Burt Douthit, Maryvette Labrie, Polly Richter, Dan Gainer,

Members absent: Jim Hilderman, Jim Bushnell

Minutes of the August 25th and September 8th meetings were approved as presented.

The mausoleum work is almost completed. There will be a need for a painter and roofer to complete the work in the spring. Jim Bushnell is having difficulty in locating contractors to give him a bid on the work needed to complete the project. Maryvette reported that we have paid almost \$42,000 for the work done to date.

Dan Gainer was contacted by Samantha from the Red Lodge Preservation Board. The Preservation Board was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding some of the gravestones that have been knocked over. We have an opportunity to apply for a grant to help with the cost of repairs. Dan and Maryvette will look at writing the grants. It was suggested that we attempt to get volunteers to assist with getting some of the stones reset. Dan will respond to the concerned citizen and let her know of our intentions to handle the problem.

Dan Gainer spoke to Judy Christenson regarding our interest in creating a cemetery district. She provided information dating back to 1953 on the Bridger petition. The verbage may help us with our petition. We have eligible voters in the high school district. Dan read the beginning of the Bridger District to us as to the creation of their district, which is the format and guidelines that we will need to follow.

Dan Gainer provided information on damages to flower vases by the mower. They were properly inserted. Maryvette made a motion, seconded by Polly to approve payment for the repairs. Maryvette will pass along the bill to the City Council for their approval.

Dan Gainer had further contact with the gentleman that was interested in making a donation to the cemetery. He will get back to us.

According to an article in the Wonderful West Virginia magazine, those of us who like to visit cemeteries for historical purposes are "taphophiles".

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55. The next scheduled meeting will be November 10th, 2015.

Minutes submitted by Maryvette Labrie

Dan Gainer - Chairman