

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Minutes

July 14, 2017

BUSINESS MEETING: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Chetco Community Library, 405 Alder Street, Brookings

- I. Welcome and Introductions (1:00 pm) Charlotte Lehan
 - a. Commissioners; Diane Elder, Bev Power, Mike Leamy, Charlotte Lehan
 - b. Staff: Kuri Gill
 - c. Excused: Mark Petrie
 - d. Audience: Bob Elder, Lynda Leamy, Cricket Soules, Robert Peet, Karen Peet
- II. Approval of Minutes (1:05 pm) Charlotte Lehan
 - a. Elder moved to approve, Power second. Approved.
- III. Public Comment (1:10 pm) Comment limited to 5 minutes
 - a. none
- IV. Grant Report – completed projects (1:25 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Present projects
 - b. Grant application support materials - Bev will get the first draft going
- V. Cemetery legislation update (1:55 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Mike will help with OAR search
- VI. Statewide Cemetery Clean-up days (2:05 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. 20 cemeteries signed up so far, SOLVE is excited
- VII. Abandoned Cemeteries – Ownership research (2:20 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Folks are still working on this, it will be particularly helpful in the new legislation.
- VIII. Discussion of meeting times – for more access (2:40 pm) Charlotte Lehan
 - a. Ideas for getting more people to the meetings, times for meetings, consider meeting in the evening, have a local talk at the meeting (guest speaker), get local folks to spread the word, work with the local historical society
- IX. Oregon Heritage Conference 2018 (2:55 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Mapping, deep dive, perhaps include it in the historic property mapping – getting cemeteries on the maps for tourism and/or county sites (possibly Tracey Saucey, or Marion County, Stephenie), genealogical societies to build statewide website for cemetery tourism

- b. Heritage Tourism – companies that sell the audio units, incorporate cemeteries
 - c. Oral history – possibly, collecting the tidbits has value
- X. Position recruitment (3:15) Kuri Gill
 - a. Interest – have people from all areas, will have appointments before the next meeting
- XI. Commissioner Comments/Reports (3:25 pm) All
 - a. Leamy – 6.5 feet of rain since January first, made things challenging for memorial weekend, Eagle Scout project – 70-75 people workforce, cleaning, D-2 (200 done), 175 flat stones reset, 7 large upright ones reset. Will be realigning the next section in the Ft Stevens Military Cemetery.
 - b. Power – clean-up in September, LDS group coming, trying to reach out to Central Point cemetery to help, probably a meeting in the fall with the cemeteries.
 - c. Elder – cemetery ownership work and connecting with folks in other counties
 - i. Position paper on irrigation in historic cemeteries – Diane and Charlotte
 - d. Charlotte – position paper and irrigation, lawn cemetery – possible workshop as well
- XII. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (3:55 pm) Kuri Gill
 - October 13, 2017 Moro, Sherman County
 - February 2, 2018 Conference Call
 - April 11, 2018 Bend (with conference)
 - July 20, 2018 Baker Prairie Cemetery, Canby, would be good one
 - Myrtle Creek
 - Aurora (zinc)
 - Baker Prairie
 - Pleasant View Cemetery
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned (4:00 pm)
 - a. Adjourned 3:06pm