Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries
Minutes
February 2, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING: 1:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions (1:00 pm) Charlotte Lehan
   a. Commissioners & Staff: Charlotte Lehan, Mike Leamy, Bev Power, Diane Elder, Milo Reed, Mark Petrie; Matt Diederich, Steve Sprenger
   b. Public: Steve Sprenger, Cricket Soules

II. Approval of Minutes Charlotte Lehan
    a. Approved with no objections or changes.

III. Public Comment (1:05 pm) Comment limited to 5 minutes
    a. Cricket Soules – 4:30 today going to Coos History museum to attend a grant funded project from Coos County Cultural Coalition, where there will be a monument to a major ship wreck. A school bus jumped the curb and took out nine sections of the fence panel at Marshfield Cemetery.

IV. Recent Cemetery Inquiries (1:10 pm) Kuri Gill
    a. Thomas Cemetery, Coos County
       i. Shared information about request for comments.
    b. Mater Dolorosa, Marion County
       i. Shared information about request for comments.

V. Cemetery Permit Program (1:15 pm) Kuri Gill
   a. Update on status, will likely be an April approval

VI. Statewide Cemetery Clean-up days (1:25 pm) Kuri Gill

VII. Sally Donovan Award & Grant applications (1:40 pm) Kuri Gill
    a. Diane willing to serve and it is wonderful education.
    b. Mark is interested.
    c. Bev is interested.

VIII. Upcoming cemetery legislation (1:45 pm) Kuri Gill
    a. Law to allow temporary permit for burials.

IX. Cemetery care & authority Bulletin (1:50 pm) Charlotte Lehan
    a. Elder – What are the protection options?
    b. This will just be a handout for the OCHC coordinator to share, possibly added to the website with the permit information.
    c. Leamy - If you wanted to go to a lot of work you could find all of the links and click on it to get at the more detail.

X. Irrigation in historic cemeteries bulletin/position paper (2:10) Diane Elder
   a. Edits or additions, tone, etc.
      i. Power, Leamy – it was comprehensive, great job
b. Sprenger – we remind them that they don’t water the cemetery, encourage cemeteries to include this in their rules.

c. It would be nice to have seasonal photos from around the state. Email photos to Kuri.

d. Do we want to have photos of damaged cemeteries, then how?

e. Add some detail about how to do the education, like incorporating it into the rules of the cemetery.

f. Moved: Adopt this as a position paper with adjustments to be made and photographs included. Mike Leamy. Second: Bev Power Discussion: None Vote: All approved.

XI. Abandoned Cemeteries (2:25 pm) Kuri Gill

XII. Oregon Heritage Conference (2:30 pm) Kuri Gill

XIII. Commissioner Comments/Reports (2:35 pm) All
a. Elder – helped other people find their ancestors in other cemeteries around the country.

b. Leamy – Talking tombstones in October, took part of the master of the steamship Iowa, who was in a shipwreck. They have two of the crew members buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves. Considering putting a stone reference the wreck on that site. Had contact from a man who’s father owned Greenwood Cemetery before Mike. Mike got some of the historical information. A student at UO did a final paper on Lone Fir Cemetery.

c. Bev – Met with Monica regarding SOLVE. Will be contacting folks to get together again. IOOF cemetery shed was broken into. Simply safe alarm system, which is affordable.


e. Milo Reed – tabled a Lone Fir around Halloween, gave away a bunch of cards, planning to meet with Stan Clarke.

f. Charlotte – cemetery has set out the calendar of cemetery clean-up events. Discussion of pets buried in the cemetery.

XIV. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (2:55 pm)
April 11, 2018 9:00-12:00 Bend
July 27, 2018 - Dayton
October 12, 2018 - ???

XV. Meeting Adjourned (2:37 pm)