

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Minutes

April 11, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Visit Bend, 750 NW Lava Rd, Suite 160, Bend

- I. Welcome and Introductions (9:00)
 - a. Diane Elder, Mike Leamy, Charlotte Lehan, Mark Petrie, Bev Power, Milo Reed, Sarah Silbernagel, Kuri Gill
 - b. Guests – Judy Goldman, Lynda Leamy, Dik Siedlecki, Cricket Soules, Steve Sprenger, Kirsten Straus
- II. Approval of Minutes (9:05) – Approved with no changes. Moved by Elder, seconded by Leamy.
- III. Public Comment (9:10) Comment limited to 5 minutes
 - a. Soules – announced that the Marshfield Cemetery received a stewardship award from the UO Museum of Natural & Cultural History. They are doing a SOLVE event with a BBQ, it is a great outreach tool.
 - b. Straus – shared information about the Chinese shrine uncovered at Salem Pioneer Cemetery and the event they held.
- IV. Permit program update (9:20) – Rulemaking is in progress and will be complete in May.
- V. Statewide Cemetery Clean-up days (9:25)

Discussed promotion ideas including before and after photos, good memorial day photos with the flags, etc.
- VI. Abandoned Cemeteries – Ownership research (9:45)

Silbernagel volunteered to complete research in several northeast counties.
Sprenger (guest) offered to help track down the Linn County area information.
- VII. July meeting planning (9:50)

Have the meeting Thursday afternoon July 19, with an evening topic for presentation. The topic will be cemetery technology, by Power and Lehan. The workshop will be on the Friday. (NOTE: Since this meeting the date has been changed to July 26, and the Friday workshop to July 27)
- VIII. Planning Discussion (10:10) Kuri Gill
 - a. We will begin the planning discussion and process in October when new members are appointed.
 - i. Video series on the value of historic cemeteries – Reed, Petrie, Power, Silbernagel
 - ii. Pictures with taglines, promotion of the cemeteries
 - iii. Technical videos?

- iv. Survey during SOLVE day and online survey
 - v. Connect with partners – OMCB, CAO, county tourism boards, cultural heritage groups, Tribes, historical & genealogical societies, OTE
 - vi. Possible listening sessions with the meeting
- IX. Oregon Heritage Summit 2019 (10:40) Kuri Gill
- a. Provided information about the summit, which will be in Medford and about board development.
 - b. Suggestion to include teasers for organizations without boards.
- X. Commissioner Comments/Reports (11:10) All
- Leamy – Finally had success convincing a local cemetery to apply for a grant. Contacted five cemeteries regarding the SOLVE event.
- Elder – Exploring individual burials in the area. Shared that underground irrigation is begin installed at the Paisley Cemetery.
- Power – Will call and do SOLVE outreach. Plans to support a cemetery event. Shared information about a security alarm. Her cemetery is practicing intentional differed maintenance, focusing on one of three sections at a time.
- Petrie – Has talked with the City of Powers. He has been in communication with Cricket Soules and will be involved with the May 11 clean-up and ceremony for a hereditary chief buried there.
- Reed – Learning about databases. Brainstorming area groups and how best to approach them. Interested in developing videos about historic cemeteries.
- Silbernagel – Will contact people for the SOLVE event, Will research the abandoned cemeteries.
- Lehan – Annual meeting and letter going out now, the appeal has increased donations. They have created and will install a security camera sign. They are considering flag pole lighting.
- XI. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (11:30) Kuri Gill
- June 8, 1:00 pm Conference Call, grant approval
 - July 20, 2018 Dayton – marker repair workshop, other activities (NOTE: date has changed since this meeting, to July 27, with monument cleaning and repair workshop July 28)
 - October 25-26 – Pendleton
- XII. Meeting Adjourned (11:46)