

## Minutes of the St. Clement Cemetery Board, February 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, David Korte, at 7:05 pm. Members present were: David Korte, President, Gerald Luebrecht, Vice-president, Larry Twellman, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chris Hummel. Pastor/Administrator Fr. Henry Ussher and Fern Grote, member, were absent. David Korte opened the meeting with a prayer. Fern Grote joined the meeting immediately after the opening prayer. The meeting had originally been scheduled for January 20, 2022, but had been postponed twice.

Chris Hummel moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Gerald Luebrecht seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Larry Twellman reported that the association on January 1, 2022 had \$55,000 invested in a four-year certificate with the Jefferson City Diocese that will mature in April 2023; \$285,000 invested in a four-year certificate with the Diocese that will mature in October 2024; \$50,000 invested in a four-year certificate with the Diocese that will mature in March 2025; \$50,000 invested in a two-year certificate with the Diocese that will mature in March 2023. The total value of these investments (including interest earned) was \$455,728.24. The association also had \$13,967.14 invested in a demand account with the Diocese and \$3,755.05 in the parish checking account. The total value of all cemetery funds as of January 1, 2022, was \$473,450.43. Fern Grote moved to approve the financial report as presented. Chris Hummel seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Under Old Business, Larry Twellman reported that nearly 320 postcards had been sent to cemetery patrons requesting a donation for the upkeep of the cemetery. As of January 15, 2022, 171 responses had been received and \$7,305 in donations had been received. Some additional donations had been received since that date and the total received at the time of the meeting was \$7,480.

A list of burials and graves sold since July 1, 2021, was presented to the board. A list of parishioners who have died, been cremated but not yet interred, was presented to the board. A discussion was held concerning church teaching regarding the timeliness of the burial of cremains. The decision was made to seek guidance from Fr. Ussher regarding church teachings on the matter and to research the possibility of a By-Law addition that would direct the association to contact survivors when cremains were not interred within an appropriate time following the death of a family member.

Larry Twellman presented signage that will be installed along the road from the cemetery to the church parking lot that would restrict the use of the road by vehicular traffic when children were present.

Gerald Luebrecht nominated David Korte to be president of the association. Larry Twellman moved that nominations cease and that David Korte be elected as president by acclamation. Chris Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Fern Grote nominated Gerald Luebrecht to be vice-president of the association. Larry Twellman moved that nominations cease and that Gerald

Luebrecht be elected as vice-president by acclamation. Chris Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Chris Hummel to table the setting of fees for burial rights until the regular July meeting to provide time for gathering information on similar fees at other nearby cemeteries. Fern Grote seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Gerald Luebrecht moved to submit the name of Chris Hummel to Fr. Ussher for a five-year term as a member of the cemetery board. David Korte seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Larry Twellman will present this to Fr. Ussher and inform the board members of Fr. Ussher's action.

Fern Grote reported that the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Sodality plan to host a Fried Chicken Dinner on Friday, February 25, as a fund raiser for the parish and that organizers for the dinner have requested that traffic to pick up the meals be directed through the cemetery and on to the church parking lot. Discussion was held concerning the turn that must be made when vehicles turn onto the road from the cemetery to the parking lot. Larry Twellman moved to allow the use of the cemetery road for the fund raiser provided that at least one person would be stationed at that turn in the road to make sure that vehicles safely negotiated the turn without damage to the cemetery. Fern Grote seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Concern was also expressed that the traffic would be in the cemetery after dark and the suggestion was made that the area be lighted to help drivers negotiate the turn safely.

Larry Twellman moved to set the next meeting of the cemetery board for Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 7 pm. David Korte seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Gerald Luebrecht moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris Hummel seconded and the motion carried 5-0. David Korte led the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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