

## Minutes of the St. Clement Cemetery Board, July 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, David Korte, at 6:59 pm. Members present were: David Korte, President, Gerald Luebrecht, Vice-president, Larry Twellman, Secretary/Treasurer, Fern Grote, Chris Hummel and Pastor Fr. Henry Ussher. Fr. Ussher opened the meeting with a prayer.

Gerald Luebrecht moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 regular meeting of the board as presented. Fern Grote seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Larry Twellman presented the Financial Report. The board has invested with the Diocese of Jefferson City \$55,000 in a one-year CD that matures in April 2024; \$313,072.78 in a four-year CD that matures in October 2024; \$50,000 in a four-year CD that matures in March 2025; and \$66,328.30 in a Demand Account. The total amount invested with the Diocese is \$484,401.08 as of July 1, 2023. In addition, the board has \$11,272.90 in a Money Market Account with Community State Bank. Chris Hummel moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Fern Grote seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief discussion of the use of the cemetery road for the Chicken Dinner held last February. Larry Twellman said that he would contact the committee for next year's dinner and request that they not use the cemetery road. He also reported that he was plotting cemetery maps in Excel and would send those out to the board members soon.

Larry Twellman moved to approve the cemetery's Annual Report which, in addition to financial information, listed burials, grave sites sold and available, and the purchase price for burial sites in the cemetery. Gerald Luebrecht seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Gerald Luebrecht moved to approve the cemetery's annual Financial Report which listed receipts and expenditures by quarter for the 2022-23 fiscal year and other financial information.

Chris Hummel moved to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to explore options for investing the cemetery funds next year either with the Diocese of Jefferson City or with local banks or brokerage firms when the current investments mature.

Fern Grote moved to mail out requests for donations to patrons of the cemetery in October. Chris Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Chris Hummel moved to pay a fuel surcharge of \$75 for the 2023 mowing season to Scott Meyer if fuel prices remain above \$3 per gallon for the 2023 moving season. Fern Grote seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

David Korte moved to recommend to families of veterans that the Armed Services plaques be placed on the memorial stone rather than at the foot of the grave of veterans. Larry Twellman seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Larry Twellman reported that he had contacted Mike Adams, who owns the property just south of the cemetery, and that he indicated what he wanted for the property. Gerald Luebrecht moved that the board make an offer to Mr. Adams for the property. Chris Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

David Korte's term on the cemetery board expires at the end of this meeting and David has agreed to seek another five-year term. Chris Hummel moved that the board submit a letter to Fr. Ussher requesting that Dave Korte be appointed to a new five-year term. Gerald Luebrecht seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief discussion on the possibility of erecting a columbarium in the cemetery as a repository for cremains. Chris Hummel moved to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to explore the possibility of erecting a columbarium in the cemetery and to report back to the board at the January 2024 meeting. Gerald Luebrecht seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Fern Grote commented that the brick gates at the entrance to the cemetery may need cleaning. Larry Twellman said that he would contact Darryl Henderson to see about getting those cleaned.

Chris Hummel moved to schedule the next regular meeting of the Cemetery Board for Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. David Korte seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Larry Twellman moved to adjourn the meeting. David Korte seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Fr. Ussher thanked the cemetery board for their work and then led the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.