

Minutes

Friends of St. John's Cemetery Foundation Board

July 21, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order by Wesley Odom at 4:30 pm. Those in attendance were Wesley Odom, Jim Speed, Bobby Riggs, Delores De la Rua, Dwight Watson, Ed Wallace, and Emily Walby.
2. The board expressed their concern for Jimmy Haynes who has had health problems.
3. Members who will shift off the board this year are Wesley Odom, Jimmy Haynes, and Jim Speed. Proposed new members are Jane Moseley and Steffie Joiner. The board voted in the new members but modified outgoing member list.
4. The board voted to retain Wesley Odom as president. Also decided was that Emily Walby would be reinstated as recording secretary.
5. Updates: A) St. John's Cemetery has had 18 burials to date this year. There have been 8 new sales, 5 utilized at the present, and FSJCF assisted with 2 burials and 1 cremation.
B) The gatehouse floors have been sanded and stained.
C) Jim Speed had roadways trimmed and is looking into having gate House pressure washed.
D) New cement section markers have been added to the cemetery.
6. Cemetery cleaning is now available:
Urns \$20
Horizontal slab marker, adult \$50
Horizontal marker, baby \$20
Vertical marker, joint \$45
FSJCF fee \$10
- 7..Financial report – Wesley Odom reported that FSJCF has about \$33,000 in the bank.
8. Upcoming projects:
A) Taking photos of gravestones (volunteers needed)
B) Beautification of cemetery , such as with more flowers
C) Looking into estimates for fencing
D) Columbarium walks – possibility of creating stone paths beneath which could contain cremation ashes
9. The board discussed repeating the Ghost Tour of last October Members agreed that the event was enjoyable but financially unsuccessful. It was voted that Wesley Odom would look for a partner such as a local school to help with the event.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.