

Chestnut Hill Community Cemetery Association

CHCCA

Annual Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2023

Call to Order: Larry Ward, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:05pm, on June 19th at the Chestnut Hill Community Church.

Attendees: Larry Ward, Janet Ward, Tammy Caldwell, Dennis O’Keeffe, Royce Moran, Mark Mallette (via Facetime), Joan Brown, Larry Brown, Susan Carter, Erin Taylor.

Minutes: The minutes of June 18, 2022, annual Meeting were presented. Janet Ward motioned to accept; Dennis O’Keeffe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Tammy Caldwell, Treasurer, presented the report. Receipts were \$2379.46, of which \$1,450 was a NCCF Grant. Expenses: Robert Miller mowed the cemetery 2 times per month at a cost of \$2240.00. Check book balance is \$32,666.31

A discussion concerning the interest rate on our current checking account was introduced. Thoughts presented:

- What is our current rate at Skyline Bank?
- As a 501(C)3 may not be allowed to earn interest on funds
- CDs may be an option for a portion of the funds?
- Does the NCCF have recommendations for splitting the accounts and seeking a higher interest rate on all or part of the CHCCA funds?

A motion was made by Erin Taylor to authorize CHCCA officers to investigate and move forward with the transfer of money to higher interest-bearing account(s), as long as the accounts were FDIC insured, and transactions would remain convenient for CHCCA board. Dennis O’Keeffe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tammy Caldwell, Treasurer, was authorized to proceed.

Cemetery Report: Janet Ward, Reservation Secretary, reported that 2 additional burials took place this past year.

Dairy Jackson – 7/5/2022

David Walker – 10/09/2022

Tracie McMillan received permission to place a synthetic wood bench near her parents’ grave.

Old Business:

Cemetery:

Current wood benches in the cemetery need to be power washed, sanded and restrained. Some may need minor repairs. Larry volunteered to inspect.

Susan Carter requested that the cemetery's flag area be reviewed. The bushes have become too large and interfere with the bench near her son's gravesite. She suggested removing the current bushes, which have grown too large for the area, and something more appropriate planted. Request is under consideration.

Boundary Dispute:

Dr. Gambill's 3 heirs have gone to court to settle the land dispute between family members and the Church. Within the last week, new survey stakes have appeared on the land near the Gambill driveway and the Church driveway. As the Church (or Church's lawyer) has not requested a new survey, we assume a new survey has been requested by the court or the Gambill family. Will wait to hear any news.

New Business:

- The equipment gates are damaged and need repair. Dennis O'Keeffe volunteered to inspect and make those repairs. Thank you, Dennis.
- Erin Taylor indicated she is updating the CHCCA website. New info will be included. There was a suggestion to create a burial list of the cemetery's residents and post the list on the website. This would be a big help for genealogy researchers. Janet indicated she would review the information she has available. We know there are some gravesites without names. Erin previously added a link to a broad source that offers other cemeteries' listings.
- Director Elections: Three positions are up for election, each for 3 a year term.
Director requirements: At least one must be a former CHUMC member, a member of CHCC, or a family member of a former member of CHUMC.
Directors whose terms of office are expiring:
Mark Mallette
Dennis O'Keeffe
Brenda Taylor
Mark Mallette and Dennis O'Keeffe have agreed to run again. Susan Carter was nominated from the floor, by Tammy Caldwell. All 3 candidates were elected unanimously.

Janet motioned the meeting to be adjourned. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

Respectively submitted,
Royce Moran
Secretary

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