

ARLINGTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m., Chairperson Pinske presiding.

Members present: Chairperson Pinske, Glieden, Wiemann, Councilmember Vrklan

Members absent: Weckwerth, Mayor Kreft, Supt. Thomes

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich

Election of officers was tabled until the next regular meeting, when all members of the Committee can be present.

Motion by Wiemann, seconded by Glieden, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2008 meeting as presented.

Discussion was held on the damage that was done to the grave marker for a member of the Lynch family. Adm. Jaunich read a letter that he had received from the family about the damaged stone. He stated that City Staff was notified a day or so before burial. They went to the grave site, took pictures and found a small chip from the stone in the snow so they know the damage was recent. Adm. Jaunich commented that due to the tracks in the snow, it was unclear if City Staff or the grave digger incurred the damage. He stated that he will be submitting a claim to the city's insurance company to cover the cost of replacing the stone (approximately \$1,500).

Adm. Jaunich stated that there are still 2 vacancies on the Cemetery Committee, so if the members present knew of anyone that may be interested in being on the Committee to have them contact the City and fill out an application. Pinske expressed her feelings about what type of individuals should be selected to be on the Committee (someone with a vested interest in the public cemetery).

Discussion was held on setting goals for the upcoming year and thereafter. Glieden commented that he would like to see the people who mow the lawn at the cemetery to use an edging system around the (older) stones to eliminate the overgrowth that is occurring around the bases.

Adm. Jaunich spoke on the LGA cuts that the city is enduring and how they are affecting the 2009-2010 Budgets.

Discussion was held on the cemetery's boundaries and putting some shade trees in (around) the cemetery.

Pinske commented on a website she had come across that lists all the cemeteries in the area (Sibley County) and who is buried in them.

Pinske reviewed the following:

- 1) Areas of the cemetery currently allowed for burial or on hold (new entrance area) and how much space is still available within the cemetery
- 2) Having a Directory
- 3) Putting in a Columbarium
- 4) Types of stones/markers allowed
- 5) Cemetery Rules of Operation
- 6) Cremation lots
- 7) Lot prices.

Motion by Wiemann, and seconded by Glieden, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Chairperson Bernet Pinske

City Staff Vicki Pomplun