

WCPCC June 2, 2018

Jody, Wayne, Stacey, Halley, Carleton, Tony, Janelle

-We took a tour to the Monro stone, located on state land behind Lawrence and Joan Greco's farm. The Greco's escorted us to the stone and we treated with D2 and timed some of the brush around the area.

-11:06AM we gathered at the Highlandville Store for our monthly meeting.

-Halley reported our checking account balance is \$7527.36

-Carleton and Stacey have signed a contract with Tom Benda to do the mowing at Pagin/Beard (taking Wayne Schweinfuss' place). He will be paid \$100 per mowing, the same as what was budgeted for that cemetery. The lawn had gotten quite long before we were able to get him lined up so his first mowing was a lot of work and he and his family really went the extra mile picking up the grass clippings, etc. It was moved by Carleton and seconded by Jody that we send him a \$100 bonus when Halley makes out his first paycheck along with some Whippy dip Certificates (\$50) for he and his family as a thanks for going the extra mile. The motion was passed unanimously.

-Halley mowed at Crossroads this past week. She says it is really rough but the ground is also very spongy. We will re-set the stone out at Crossroads with the help of a base Tony will obtain from Kevin Lee.

-The orphan stones that were being stored the the Washington Prairie Methodist church were retrieved without incident. They are now in the WCPCC shed in Freeport. The McSwain stone should be placed in Frankville. Loren Brandt is the contact person for the Frankville cemetery board and Stacey was in touch with him and is waiting to hear back about their decision.

-Halley was approached by a representative of a group called Doing Death Differently in Decorah. They are a group advocating/interested in green burials. They have approach Arnie Weiss, a member of the Locust Cemetery Board, about getting space in their cemetery. Halley has also spoken with Scott Helms, owner at Schluter Balik Funeral home, about this issue and he is willing to talk to us sometime. Weiss mentioned that this group wanted ,not only to do green burials, but also plant the cemetery back to natural prairie and not mow or do other kind of upkeep of that type. The green burial would involve no vault and no embalming. Janelle will email Andy VanderMaaten about more specifics about cemetery rules. Our concerns involve losing pioneer cemetery status if there were to be more frequent burials.

-Wayne mentioned a visit he made to St Keirans and some concerns he had out there. We will add that to our list of places to visit and take care of this summer.

We will hold our next meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am with the place to be determined by the supplies we are able to gather, etc (set later for Crossroads Cemetery with a plan to reset the stone).

Janelle moves to adjourn the meeting, Carleton second – passes unanimously.