

MONUMENT RESTORATION COMMITTEE (MRC) MINUTES - SPRINGDALE CEMETERY
March 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jack Gove called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Allen Andrews, Nita Sunderland, Bob Meals, George Kottemann, Jack Gove, Jeanette Hillyer and Carolyn Kraft. Absent: Jon Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Meals motioned and Mr. Andrews seconded to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010; passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Chairman's Report: Chair Gove passed out the Financial Report which showed that \$548.11 has been spent of the \$55,000 budgeted for 2010. This is the same amount that was reported at the meeting of March 9, 2010. Ms. Hillyer motioned and Ms. Kraft seconded that the report be approved; passed unanimously.

Committee on Bases and Foundations: Mr. Andrews handed out another colorful draft of the report MONUMENT INSTALLATION AND RESTORATION RECOMMENDATIONS. Mr. Andrews lead us through the chart, and we commented on it line by line, making a number of changes. Mr. Andrews and Ms. Sunderland will make the recommended changes and present an updated chart at the next meeting.

Report on Work Done Since Last Meeting: Ms. Sunderland reported that no additional work was performed due to weather conditions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Meals reported on the items called for in the application for approval from the Peoria Historical Commission. We will be working with Mr. Jon Austin and Mr. Les Kenyon to prepare and submit the document before April 28, 2010, so that this agenda item can be on their agenda for May 26, 2010. Assuming it is approved, the next step would be with the City Planning and Zoning Authority and finally to the City Council.

Mr. Gove handed out a copy of a letter dated March 19, 2010, from Mr. Les Kenyon stating that according to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the shed would not affect the National Register Listing of Springdale Cemetery. In discussing the shed, Mr. Kottemann motioned and Ms. Hillyer seconded to seek an adjustment to Peoria Construction's Option #2 bid (shed attached to the existing building) by eliminating the internal walk door and showing the cost of moving the air conditioner as an option; passed unanimously. Mr. Andrews motioned and Ms. Hillyer seconded that Mr. Meals and Mr. Gove to meet with contractor's representative; passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Sunderland recommended that with ground being so wet, that an effort be made to beautify some of the cemetery by having two laborers manually straighten/level smaller monuments by putting road mix under them. We would need to borrow a four wheel drive all-terrain vehicle from the cemetery. It was acknowledged that this is a departure from our policy to fix for the long term. After considerable discussion, Ms. Sunderland motioned to have a 30 day trial period of having two laborers straighten/level smaller monuments with the requirement that they be more permanently fixed in the future; Mr. Meals seconded; passed unanimously. This would be contingent upon getting the two laborers.

Mr. Meals mentioned that Mr. Randy Guzman, who has been helping with restoration, has submitted an application and will be interviewed by Mr. Jon Austin, Ms. Sunderland, and Mr. Meals in the next few days.

GUEST INPUT: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Meals motioned and Mr. Kottemann seconded to adjourn; passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Gove, MRC Chair