

Walling Association Board Meeting – March 22, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00

AGENDA – Minutes in **BOLD**

Present: Rebecca Jones, Linda Hendrix, Myrl Singletary, Tony Hendrix

Introduction – Rebecca Jones, Chairperson

1. Reaffirm Board Trustee members: – **Rebecca Jones, Chairperson, Linda Hendrix, Secretary/Treasurer, Tony Hendrix, Technology Manager, Aleta Floyd, Donna Bullock, Myrl Singletary. Detailed list is attached.**
2. Discuss bank account signatories – **Need to delete Susan Rhodes as a signatory since her Trustee term expired and add Linda Hendrix, Secretary/Treasurer as a signatory.**
3. Display and discuss a blueprint size map depicting new Burial Plot Map – 10x5 plots.
 - a. Roads, Pathways, Walking Paths
 - b. Change to 10x4 or 8x4?
 - c. Allow Slabs, Borders/rocks, etc..... or just the headstone?

NOTE: A recent survey of area libraries revealed that most only allow a headstone - due to maintenance, mowing....

The Board decision passed 3-1 to allow all.

***We need to follow up with more discussion about cremation plot policies and some other questions.**

4. Pricing for Burial Plots: “Purchasing” means “purchase the rights to bury human remains in the burial plot. The Walling Church and Cemetery Property Association will retain real property rights.”
 - a. A survey of area cemeteries reveals a price spread generally between \$500 and \$1000.
 - b. Decide on launch date – How, Signage?? Most decided word of mouth is best.

Following a thorough discussion of all the alternatives, the group unanimously agreed to charge \$800.00 per plot and to continue the burial maintenance contribution for each burial.

- **Stated reasons for continuing the contribution were that it was a different type of charge, it’s not like the person purchasing the plot would be using it immediately, and if it is not charged, those who already have unused “no charge” plots would never be charged anything for the use of the plots.**
- **When the Agreement for Assignment of a Burial Plot is developed, it will contain the language for “purchasing the rights to use the plot for burial of human remains” and not refer to “selling or buying.” Linda working on this Agreement language and a process for application, review, payments, etc.**
- **A suggestion for thought is to charge the people who purchase the rights a lower charge and the people who have free plots a higher one.**

5. Fund-Raising: One Final Yard Sale – Invite community to participate – bring their table and stuff for free space – hoping to generate more traffic.
 - a. Following this sale, will dispose of remainders – through trash, thrift, E-Bay/other online sales outlets.
 - b. Contact area churches to donate to their need's closets.
 - c. Consult care facilities for their needs

The group decided to continue with the yard sale but wait until fall for the “festival” ideas. Linda will prepare the mailing for requesting maintenance donations and announcing the yard sale. The Website and Facebook will be updated to reflect the invitation for community participation.

- **Mailer requesting donations and announcing yard sale mailed on April 11.**

6. Combine Festival on a small scale with yard sale????
 - a. Sell cakes, food – bar-b-que sandwiches.
 - b. Soda Fountain, Homemade Ice Cream, Home canned jellies, etc.

Save until Fall.

7. Report from Linda regarding her visit with lawyers on language of the application/plot assignment agreement.

The lawyer agreed with the language of purchasing the rights and offered some suggestions to be included in the Bylaws such as penalties for not complying with policies, how to include language in the application to make decisions about acceptance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Rebecca Jones, Chairperson, _____

Linda Hendrix, Secretary/Treasurer _____