

Cemetery Board Meeting
October 25, 2011

Present: Marilyn Strong, Rene Neff, Marilyn Helsel, R. James Enslow, Cary Peterson, Debbie Mahler.

Approved minutes of September 27th and June 28th

Discussed edits to brochure with Lynn, and she will implement them.

Discussed MOU with Friends of the Langley Woodmen Cemetery about the mower. Debbie Mahler will show MOU to city attorney, with revision that the mower has been purchased and donated to the city.

Fred Turner has not followed up on selling graves after receiving information from Debbie about the available plots he owns, or thought he owned. We await further contact, but the general feeling was that it might be risky to buy back the plots as they might have been sold privately.

Discussed St. Peter's fill dirt availability- Cary has contacted pastor and is still working on it.

Garbage and waste receptacles:

- Cary is arranging to get compost containers for the yard debris.
 - George Mason is out of town for the next three months so we need someone to check the garbage and see if it needs to be set out. R.James will check them in George's absence.
 - Rene will contact Ed Gemkow about building new little houses for the garbage cans.
- Cary will ask Jim and George when George returns.

We discussed the section that Allan Ament wishes to purchase on behalf of the Whidbey Island Jewish Society. Debbie explained the deed subtleties involved. The city would sell them all the graves, and give them a deed to each grave. Who they put in the graves, and what price is involved is their business alone. The city requires that there be no advertising of the graves as a Jewish burial section, and there be no sign stating that it is a Jewish burial section. This is municipal law relating to discrimination based on a race or religion by separating them in the cemetery. However, it is OK to sell a section to a group.

Budget looks good. The cemetery finances are in good shape. Revenues have drastically declined, but so have expenses. Board asked Debbie to include a \$4000 improvement amount just in case we need it.

All Soul's Eve is being organized by the Friends. Cary will send out emails

Cemetery Bd Meeting for November changed to last Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 4:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Postscript: Marilyn Strong and Cary Peterson will contact Jim Lux regarding getting the bins completed for the green burial soil mix. (Discussed outside after meeting.)