

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
11/8/2013

Our meeting for the Cemetery Trustees began at 11 am. Present were Kurt Grasset, Sandra Weston, John Hayes and Ken Chester. The meeting was to go over the proposed budget for 2014.

Kurt said he would like to bump up the wages for the workers for 2014, as there has been no increase in a few years. John asked about the Sexton wages and if it had been increased recently. Kurt said it has been several years since there has been a change. We decided to increase his wages as Sexton from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00. Kurt mentioned that our interest income is down by 40%, but the fund has increased because of how equities have increased this year. Apparently, we can only spend the dividend or interest we get and not principal. Kurt said he spoke to the Trustees of the Trust Funds about this problem. Since our income is down we looked at where we could increase prices to generate more income.

The current fee for internment is \$500.00 this will increase to \$750.00 in 2014. The fee for a cremation burial is now set at \$200.00 this will be \$300.00 in the new year. Our budget for monument repair in 2014 will be increased to \$1900.00, since we have many damaged headstones in need of serious help. We do not see a need, as of now, for any tree removal in the new year, so we will shift those budget dollars to the monument repair line item. We talked about a columbarium at our last meeting. Kurt looked into the cost of a few options. A 30 unit columbarium, which is two sided would be \$12,450.00, plus a concrete base costing \$1500.00. There are less expensive one sided units as well.

We decided to check with the public to see what the interest would be before proceeding. We set our next meeting for Friday November 15th at 11 am, to go over the final 2014 budget. The meeting ended at noon.