

Board Meeting – Fiskville Cemetery Association

May 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Jesse Williams. Board members present were Jesse Williams, President, Sandi Simpson, Vice-President, Sunny Williams, Secretary and B. J. Boyd, Treasurer. Other members of the Association were also in attendance.

B. J. gave the Treasurer's Report and shows \$431.75 in the Special Account (Headstone Purchases and Payments). After all bills were paid (gas, oil, weedeater string, office supplies, etc.) there was a total of \$9,110.14 in the general fund. Sunny moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Sandi Simpson second, motion passed. We also received a \$20.00 from Wilson & Pat Gault in Ft. Worth, Texas. The list of Donations is now on-line (www.fiskvillecem.com) and can viewed.

Jesse asked that a motion for approval for the February, 2010 minutes be made. Dorothy Boyd so moved and Richard seconded. The motion was presented for a vote and passed.

Discussion was made regarding the money from Manor Vol. Fire Dept of \$2,500. We are currently working on a listing for headstones and will be ordering them as soon as the money is available. Jesse is working on a list and if you have any please let him know.

Temporary markers are in and 100 of them are being placed in the Information booth. If you have names, dates, etc., and the location of an "Unknown" (to us at least), please put the information on the paper inside the marker and put it where it belongs. We need desperately to mark the unmarked graves here.

Section markers are on order. When we put them on the posts, they should be visible for 500 feet. So they should be visible from any location inside the Cemetery....

The FRONT gate is now locked in the OPEN position. Police have told us if we leave it open, they can patrol down Fiskville Cemetery Road. As usual there has been a lot of activity down in the area and we'd rather have them catch them or at least give them a reason to NOT come down to the Cemetery.

New Business

A discussion was held concerning Robert Caraway's weed eater. It has broken from use here in the Cemetery and we will be discussing whether it can be replaced or not.

A newsletter containing family stories, identifying grave-sites and donations plus a listing of the volunteers and what they do will be sent out later this year. If you have something interesting, please get with Sandi Simpson (simpstone@aol.com). It will be sent out via mail or email, depending on what the addresses we have on hand are. It will have the goals of the cemetery, what we wish to accomplish and what we have accomplished. Once again, please contact Sandi Simpson regarding this.

The Board will be working on a packet to hand out to people who want to bury family members in the cemetery. It will have a brochure explaining the cemetery and what the rules are to be buried here. This will include the costs to be buried (\$500.00), the cost of the marker (\$275) and will suggest that liners need to be included when making arrangements.

Jesse is working on getting the overhanging limbs cut off by the City of Austin. He will get back to us on what he's found out.

Casey Gallegher, new RIP Co-ordinator, with the Texas Historical Commission was a special guest. She said that we have the work done to be a RIP Guardian Cemetery and that the Historical Commission is mainly concerned with making sure we have the information needed. There will be lots of training available from the Historical Commission and she will be making that available to us. She also talked about outlining the goals for the cemetery and what we have and what we want to do. She also told us that there is a special way to treat the historic markers and we can get that information from the Historical Commission. A pictorial inventory needs to be done for the Cemetery. While some of us are involved in doing that, we need to get it done so that we can keep the history intact. This will help us in making sure we haven't counted the headstones twice, etc.

Other New Business

Need to have more volunteers doing the grass-cutting. Ask other people to come and help out.

We need to make a list of projects that we want to do, and distribute it to the membership so people can help – suggestion from Mary Cannon.

A motion was made to adjourn by Richard, seconded by Sandra and the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sunny L. Williams, Secretary

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