

Monaghan Historic Cemetery and Memorial Garden

Meeting notes/minutes Feb 10th 2024

Attending: Brian Seip, Sherry Morgan, Kim Bobb, Jim Shaffer, Taryll Roach(Lauren's Associate) and Don Steele

First several statements of purpose for the committee were agreed to:

- 1 Assure that the cemetery exists and retains its historic character in perpetuity.
- 2 Maintain the awareness of the community about the existence and value of the cemetery.
- 3 Teach the community and visitors about the history of the cemetery.
- 4 Maintain a vital and active committee to the possible creation of a self-sufficient entity

Mention was made of several things either in the works or were in talks. Brian has the name of a gentleman interested in working with trees and landscaping on the grounds. Jim cautioned the damage and work the trees can do based on where planted and variety.

Brian thought that a good plan for clean up and more ease of mowing would be mulching around the fence area and around the Memorial Garden. Kim Bobb mentioned the Scouts had a work day April 6th from 2 to 4pm that could be used for that. Jay generally directs the scouts so that could be passed on to him.

Ground radar to identify stone and graves as well as workers from the York Vo Tech, and some other ideas were put forth.

A need for a separate budget for the Cemetery and Memorial Garden was mentioned and to have events and fundraisers that directly go into that reserve. Lauren and Taryll have started working on a matching grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It would entail us getting funds for a matching grant for materials and work to clean/restore/repair headstones at the very least. Jim Shaffer asked that Monaghan Presbyterian be asked if any of the restricted/reserve funds had any earmarks for the Cemetery or Memorial Garden. Kim Bobb was going to ask at the Administrative Meeting Tuesday. Other ideas for funds to match the grant were the VFW, general public request,

Some ideas for fundraising were mentioned and the idea of perhaps a donation barrel at the Living History event. Sherry had a marketing idea that would involve The Banner where for 10 weeks we would release on the square's reader board, our web site and social media, for example, "Who is John Doe from Dillsburg and where is he? Look for the answer in the next edition of The Banner". Distribution of monies from the event would be a board discussion.

Other ideas for funding were contacting families of those at the Memorial Garden and locating relatives of those in the cemetery. Chicken BBQ, Scavenger hunt ending in a picnic at the cemetery...

After the meeting announcement, there were 5 responses that there was interest but a conflict to attend. They will be sent meeting minutes. Another meeting is to be scheduled and Saturdays seem agreeable to those who responded.

Let's think about some easy actionable next steps and follow up on some of the ideas before the next meeting. It would be beneficial to have some kind of informational material and a way to donate by Picklefest.

If there are any additions or corrections that should be made to these meeting notes please let me know.

Don Steele