

Minutes of the of Directors of Jaeger-Witte Heritage Cemetery Association Washington County, Texas

The regular meeting of the directors of the Jaeger-Witte Heritage Cemetery Association convened on June 23, 2024, virtually via Zoom. The meeting was attended by George Zemanek, Debbie Byrd, Steven Jaeger, Jeff Featherston, and Kay Kulow.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2024 meeting. Minutes signed electronically.

Reports

Treasurer: Our current balance is \$9, 408.63, and the CD is \$5000. George will email Daryl, and CC Debbie to begin our 2023 taxes.

Grounds and Maintenance:

The grass has been mowed and needs weed eating. We plan on painting in the evening due to the heat. Plans will be made via text since the weather makes it difficult to plan in advance. Several pecan tree limbs are hanging over the fence and need to be cut down. Areas on the outer fence need to be repainted.

Ongoing business

Shed: Demolition day scheduled for June 25th. Jeff and Steven will do this.

Phase 1

Move equipment down to Debbie and Mike

Demolish the existing shed

Phase 2

Level the ground

Make frame

Pour concrete for a 12' x 10' x 4" foundation

Purchase concrete from Home Depot

Purchase fill dirt and gravel from dirt yard

Phase 3

Set up the new shed

Debbie and Mike will coordinate purchasing and transporting materials

When we purchase the shed:

Deliver the shed to Debbie

Or deliver to the cemetery

Concrete Repair:

Clean joints

Put in sealant between joints

Put patch around the upper graves

Clean and seal Jesus and Angel and paint statues white.

Scheduled for July 13th

Historical marker: From TX Historical Commission “The marker is in its final stage of production at the foundry. Once the foundry is about two weeks away from completion, we will send out an email to confirm the shipping address we have on file, you will have the opportunity to change it if needed.”

Survey

Lampe Surveying can work off of the Blakey survey to add additional graves for \$500. We will look at the cemetery grounds at the July 13th cleanup day and then get back with him. He may need to completely redo the survey because it appears that the Blakey survey is not accurate.

Denise Ray burial

Adam informed us that Denise and John will be interred together but he wants to reserve the plot now. He was instructed to wait until the survey is completed.

Headstone repair

Lowell took the finial on Johan Dittrich’s headstone to his workshop to repair. Estimated costs are around \$200. He does not have an anticipated date of completion due to a backlog in his schedule.

New Business

Reunion 2024

Volunteers will arrive at 9am. George will send out an Evite to cut down on mailing cost. We are not putting an end time on the event. There will be an online sign up for the potluck.

Perpetual Care Fund

George will create an account on Uncommon Giving

Burial Plot Reservation

Motion made, seconded, passed to add the following statement to the operating manual: “ No burial plot may be reserved until the Jaeger Witte Cemetery Plot Reservation Agreement has been submitted and approved by the board of directors.”

Motion made, seconded, passed to remove the change the section under Price Schedule from

“The Board of Directors shall not require payment for plots; however, family members may give a monetary donation to the cemetery organization before or after the time of burial. These donations will be assigned to the perpetual care fund for cemetery operations and maintenance.”

To the following

“The price of burial plots in the Jaeger Witte Cemetery of Washington County, Texas, is established and amended at the discretion of the Board of Directors. As of June 23, 2024, the price for a burial plot is set at \$500. No burial plot may be reserved until the reservation price is paid in full to the Jaeger Witte Heritage Cemetery Association. The cost is waived for the children and grandchildren of Henry and Lillie Jaeger and their spouses.”

Debit Card

Jeff and Steven will available on Tuesday to go to the bank with Debbie to request the card (if it can't be requested by a single board member).

Michael Burkhalter burial

Dawn Jaeger asked for her father's ashes to be interred without a funeral. They've been instructed to wait until the survey is completed.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2024 6pm

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 10:00am

Jeff Featherston, president

George Zemanek, secretary

Action list:

- Obtain debit card (Debbie)
- Create Uncommon giving account (George)
- July 13 cleanup day
 - Review grounds to determine how we want the new survey done
 - Weed the Johnson grass
 - Cut down pecan tree branches
 - Level the ground for the shed
 - Concrete repair
 - Clean and paint the statues