

# *St. Pauli Cemetery Association*

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*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in Unity!"*

**Psalm 133:1**

**May 25, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Location: St. Pauli Cemetery**

## **Notes**

President Bryan Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. Attendees/Introductions

Attendees stated their name and how they are related to the St. Pauli Cemetery Association.

Attendees: Ardis Dragsten, Heidi (Dragsten) Barcia, Connie Kinstad, Wayne Kinstad (Vice President), Nathan Meland (Treasurer), Bryce Crawford, James Hagen, Rick Froslic, Merlin Hagen, James Thorson (Member-at-law), Susan Thorson, Kornel Wibeto (Sexton), Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan (Secretary).

2. Devotion/Prayer

Kathy Haugan led the devotion and prayer from Psalm 133:1.

3. Treasurer Report(s)

Nathan Meland reviewed the bank registry. The checking account was transferred from Wells Fargo to Dacotah Bank in 2023. – See attachment. There is \$18,000 in the account. Discussion: Removing some cash from the account to a CD.

~Wayne Kindstad made a motion to accept the treasurer report as written, James Hagen seconded. Motion carried.

~Kathy Haugan made a motion that our treasurer remove up to \$18,000 and roll it into a CD with the treasurer's discretion as to the amount and terms, Heidi Barcia seconded. Motion carried.

4. Secretary Report

• ~James Hagen made a motion to approve the 2023 minutes as written, Kornel seconded. Motion carried.

• ~Wayne Kinstad made a motion to approve the 2023 Special July board meeting minutes as written, James Hagen seconded. Motion carried.

• Website updates – Kathy Haugan indicated that she updated the website with an update of the history, work day photos, and minutes.

• Secretary Book – Kathy Haugan has the historical secretary book. She will be scanning the pages to have the history preserved electronically.

### **Old Business**

• Handicap accessibility – Wayne Kinstad contacted various organizations to discuss handicap access to the Memorial Shelter. There was no interest. These organizations usually assist people with access to their homes, etc. Discussion ensued: It was determined that this project would be too expensive to build and maintain. The membership has determined that this item will be removed from the agenda.

• Identify gravesites and replace markers for location

The membership determined unmarked gravesites could be a five-year project. A committee has been set up to determine where the unmarked graves are and how to honor those souls.

The following people have volunteered to research and report suggestions to the association at our meeting in 2025: Kornel Wibeto, James Hagen, James Thorson, and Heidi Barcia.

• Trees – James Thorson lead the discussion. The members will determine where the trees should go after the meeting. We will need to secure tree watering before the trees are

planted. The membership decided the elected board could make the final decisions as to placement, cost, etc.

- US and Norsk flags tin photo at the peak of the St. Pauli Memorial Shelter. Kathy Haugan researched photos. A photo must be at least 4600 pixels for a 16 X 16 photo. The photo should be 24 X 36. Kathy will continue to research. This addition will be a board decision.
- July 8, 2023, Work Day report  
Bryan Nelson went over the items that were accomplished during the work day. Before the work day, local friends of the association cleaned up the cemetery from the spring storm. The workday was successful.  
Items completed:
  - Holes were filled
  - Some of the tilted stones were leveled
  - Trees that fell in the storm were removed
  - Stumps were removed
  - Fencing was replaced where it had fallen. A gate was placed to have easier access to the inside of the cemetery
- James Thorson added a name plaque for Harlan Hagen on the Veteran Memorial.

#### **New Business**

- Dandelion spraying: Keller (lawn mowing) will take care of spraying.
- Other
  - Ardis Dragsten, Kathy Haugan, and Heidi Barcia will purchase and paint the outhouse.
- Items for future consideration
  - Plant tall grass on stone church corners. The corners will need weed killer one more time
  - Stain the cedar inside the memorial structure
  - Clean up barn swallow nests in the St. Pauli Memorial Structure
  - Repair the wood on the bell in the St. Paul Memorial Structure
  - Continue headstone leveling
  - Continue to fill in holes

#### **Elections**

~James Hagen made a motion to re-elect Wayne Kinstad, Vice President, and Kathy Jo Haugan, Secretary to the board, Merlin Hagen seconded. Motion carried

~James Thorson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM, Kornel Wibeto seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Thank You (Tusen Takk) to:**

- Wayne Kinstad for continual lichen spraying. Removal of the lichens makes the cemetery shine.
- Wayne and Connie Kinstad for bringing the pastries for the meeting.
- All the things everyone contributes to the cemetery.
- To all who donate their time, talent, and dollars to the St. Pauli Cemetery Association.

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- Bryan Nelson, Ben Nelson, Bill Hagen, James Hagen, Connie Kinstad, Wayne Kinstad, Brice Hamburg, Nathan Meland, Mark Meland, Luke Meland, Merlin Hagen, Kornel Wibeto, for their physical work and those who provided the equipment for the July 8, 2023 workday.
- Kathy Haugan and Ardis Dragsten for bringing lunch.

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- Ardis Dragsten, Heidi (Dragsten) Barcia, Kathy Jo (Dragsten) Haugan, Merlin Hagen, and Bryce Crawford for scraping and painting the outhouse on the cemetery grounds.

**Next meeting: May 24, 2025, 10:00 AM**