

## ARTONDALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION (ACA) Annual Meeting Minutes May 4, 2024, 10 AM Artondale Cemetery, 5512 Hunt Street NW Gig Harbor

Officers Present: Carl Campen (President), Annette Bannon (Secretary), Frank Bannon (Sexton), Cary Campen (interim Treasurer), Scott Wagner (Vice President). Members present: 15

## Meeting called to order at 10:05AM

**Introductions:** Officers, and members were called upon to introduce themselves. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts from troop 212 and their leaders helping with our annual work-party.

**Moment of Silence:** for those who died in 2023, Helen Radosevich Castelan, Henry William Lewis, and Jesse Austin Mosich.

**Reading of Minutes:** Annual meeting minutes 2023 were mailed, and hand out to membership in attendance, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cary Campen, interim Treasurer, read the End of Year Report 12/31/2023

**Sexton's Report**: Reported on status of Abandoned plot proceedings ending year five. 24 groups of plots (124 plots) identified as abandoned according to RCW codes. A Superior Court hearing date was granted, August 11, 2023, and the listed plots/lots were legally declared abandoned. The final step is to wait one more year to allow members to reclaim abandoned plot/lot(s) prior to resale.

**Plot Sales**: Plots for full burial currently available for sale 17. Plots for cremated interment available 40. Columbaria Niches available: 21 niches on the west side, 7 niches on the east side.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tree management:** Carl reported on aging Douglas Fir trees causing ongoing expenses for removal, especially when a crane is needed. Tagged trees about the cemetery denote identified trees if the cemetery should get a St. of Washington grant to assist in costs of cemetery management. Applications for 2023 exceeded grant monies. Carl reminded membership that plantings must be inside the border of the owned plot/lot.

**Wreaths Across America:** This Veteran's Ceremony held here in December and across America to honor veterans with wreaths placed on graves. Plans are continuing to have the ceremony December 14, 2024. Money can be donated to purchase wreaths at the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Memorial Day Ceremony May 27, 2024-** Continuing with VFW/American Legion, & Knights of Columbus. As Sexton, Frank will assist the Knights of Columbus the Thursday before to place American flags at all Veterans graves.

Open Discussion for any New Business: No concerns were brought forth.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Carl nominated his son Cary Campen to Treasurer position, replacing Haakon Wagner who had to resign in 2023. Cary was approved by membership. Linda Zahnow was nominated to Vice President position, there were no nominations from the members, and Linda was approved by membership. Scott Wagner resigned as Vice President.

President—Carl Campen Vice-President—Linda Zahnow Secretary—Annette Spadoni Bannon Treasurer—Cary Campen Sexton—Frank Bannon

Meeting Adjourned 10:37 AM

Annette S. Bannon