

CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC AND LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 17, 2013 at 5:30

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Ann Chrissos, George Chrissos, Steve Domahidy, Jane Durrell, Ted Goedecke, Chris Henley, Lynne Johnson, Donald McKay, Tom Rothwell, Arland Stemme, DeeAnn Wright

Barry Flachsbart, City Council Liaison

Lynne Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30. It was determined that we had a quorum.

July 31, 2013 minutes were approved after corrections were made to two dates.

Called Thomas Storch by speaker phone to hear about the Arminia Cemetery on Olive and the east exit of 141. Mr. Storch lives in southwest Missouri but several of his ancestors are buried in the cemetery which was started after the Civil War by a German heritage Arminia Lodge. Mr. Storch would like some financial help to protect the cemetery with a fence, do repairs to headstones, identify location of bodies and perform regular maintenance. He plans to apply for National Register status for the cemetery, start educational programs for children and restart the Arminia Lodge. He also hopes to move to Chesterfield.

Steve Domahidy had viewed the cemetery this week and described its condition to Mr. Storch and the CHLPC. He noted that many gravestones were propped up with other loose gravemarkers.

Steve Domahidy asked who owns the property the cemetery rests on. Storch is attempting to get title of the land. George Chrissos asked about the annual cost of maintenance. \$100 per mowing. Mowed twice a month for 7-8 months per year.

After Mr. Storch hung up, the committee discussed possibility of a CHLPC contribution for betterments. Maintenance, repair, identifying, etc. Jane Durrell wondered why the former Arminia Lodge members were not supporting the cemetery. We all had concerns about the lack of a specific improvement plan. Chris Henley noted discrepancies in maintenance amounts mentioned.

Barry Flachsbart suggested some guidelines be set before decisions are made.

On January 16, 2013 the CHLPC voted on and passed the following criteria for any group receiving CHLPC donations:

Projects must be for historic preservation and/or historic recognition

Projects must have a budget and source for maintenance.

Projects should be 501(c)(3) nonprofit groups and/or groups on the Missouri Attorney General's approved charities list.

Preference is given to volunteer organizations that spend less than 20% - 30% on administrative costs.

Preference is given to those projects within Chesterfield or secondarily to those in St. Louis County.

Plus, proof of ownership of the cemetery land.

Lynne will contact Mr. Storch with these requirements for CHLPC donations.

Treasurer's Report by Arland - \$21,941.60 in account on September 30, 2013. September income was \$2,683.

Jane Durrell requested help with distributing the 2014 calendars. They sell for only \$2.00 each. She has written thank you notes to calendar advertisers.

Jane has slides of Chesterfield history which should be converted to digital. Who can do this?

Ann & George Chrissos went to a seniors club and made a presentation. The group made a donation to our group and also bought several of our history books.

DeeAnn has been interviewing an older woman who was born and raised in Chesterfield. The woman wonders where the location is of the missing school bell from the old Gumbo school on Old Olive Street Road. Jane Durrell thought that the Rockwood School District had the bell. It was supposed to be placed in a gazebo but now is missing.

CHLPC voted to buy 20 more historic posters for distribution to area schools. They are \$25 each.

It was also voted to have one meeting a month in 2014, except for a summer break. The reasoning was that more would be accomplished with more frequent deadlines.

The next CHLPC meeting will be Thursday, November 14 at 5:30. Elections for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary will be held. This will be the last meeting of the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.