

## Portland Mills Cemetery Newsletter – 2017

The annual meeting of Stockholders of Portland Mills Cemetery was held on June 4, 2017. President, Carolyn Smith Collins called the meeting to order. There were 19 present.

Jane Greil, filling in for Janet, read the minutes from the last meeting, June, 5, 2016. The minutes were approved as read.

Todd Hopkins, Treasure, gave the treasures report.

Expenses	\$ 3,365.25
Income	\$ 9,646.69
Bank Balance	\$ 19,590.50
Endowment CD	\$ 58,000.00

The Treasure's Report was approved as read.

Due to the increased balance in the checking account, Todd asked the Board if they wanted to increase the amount to be invested in the new CD from \$8,000 to \$10,000. After a discussion of expenses, a motion was , and approved, to re-invest \$8,000 and maintain the Endowment Fund at \$66,000.

The condition of the driveway was re-visited. The question was whether to resurface or patch. Two spots need attention, the exit and the low corner where water stands. Harold and Todd will confer with Matt Hessler of Covington to determine the best approach to the problem.

Harold is concerned about two tombstones whose foundations are crumbling and presents a safety issue. He had contacted Graveyard Groomers and their cost is \$100 an hour for three men, but no estimate for this job was given. Todd and Dan offered to take on the project and replace the foundations.

**Because plants around the tombstones are not allowed**, we now have a designated area to be used for plants. Please contact Stephanie Wrightsman, 765.366.9042, if you would like to donate plants to that area.

The bench at the flagpole was broken. It was determined that the broken top would be replaced with the bench that is at the back of the cemetery. That bench will not be replaced at this time.

Tax deductible donations to the cemetery can be sent to Todd Hopkins, 3214 N 1200 E, Russellville, IN 46175

There were five burials since our meeting a year ago.

**George Waltz   Jerry Parke   Barbara J. Hazlett Weber   Christine Jane Allison   David Eubanks Vernich**

An election was held and Carolyn Smith Collins, President and Dan Harbison, Vice President, were elected to a 2-year term.

The meeting next year will be on June 3, 2018, at 2 p.m. The Meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Smith Collins, President

Dan Harbison, Vice President

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary

Todd Hopkins, Treasurer

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