

Gober Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2021 2:00pm

The Board of Trustees of the Gober Perpetual Care Community Cemetery Association met at the Gober Community Center and via cell phone/FaceTime with Gaitha Castleman, president, presiding. Board members participating were Don Grisham, Luetta Callahan, Megan Griffin, Harriet Walton, Kenny Roberts, Frances Ramsey, Ruby Polston, and Joetta Wallace. Don Grisham opened the meeting with prayer. Ruby Polston moved a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the October 24, 2020 Board meeting and the March 20, 2021 budget planning meeting. Don Grisham seconded. Motion carried. Kenny Roberts moved a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Don Grisham seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Cemetery Caretaker:** Johnny Babers, caretaker, reported: 1) Removal of curbing is in progress; 2) more fill dirt is needed; 3) several headstones have sunken and need attention.
- **Beautification:** Don Grisham reported: 1) The garden area plants have survived the winter; 12 – 14 bags of rubber mulch need to be added; 2) a water cut off has been installed; a sprinkler system company will have to be contacted to make other repairs; Kenny Roberts will contact John Alexander at Trenton and ask him to get in touch with Don Grisham regarding the sprinkler system repairs.

Old Business:

- **Insurance Coverage:** Don Grisham reviewed the current coverage and premiums for coverage on the community center and for the tabernacle/storage building as per the insurance carrier through Farmer's Insurance at Blue Ridge, Texas.
- **Gravel Road Update:** Gaitha Castleman reported: The gravel road through the cemetery has been completed.
- **Website:** Joetta Wallace reported: The website will be updated in the fall.
- **Ongoing Projects:** Gaitha Castleman reported: Ongoing projects – lichen removal, curbing removal, future management of cemetery funds, and a web-based computer program – are ongoing and/or in progress.

New Business

- **Tree Removal:** Gaitha Castleman reported the damaged and/or downed trees have been removed.
- **Sprinkler Lines and Water Cutoff:** See Don Grisham's comments under Committee Reports/ Beautification.
- **Masonry Work for Entrance:** Don Grisham is in the process of getting estimates for the Board to review.
- **Flags:** John Babers and Luetta Callahan are ordering flag replacements as needed.
- **New Associate Board Member:** Ruby moved a motion to approve Gary Claxton as an Associate Board Member replacing Frances Ramsey. (Frances Carpenter Ramsey was approved as a Board member October 2020.). Don Grisham seconded. Motion carried.
- **Caretaker Salary Increase:** Following a discussion among the Board, Luetta Callahan moved a motion to increase the caretaker annual salary by \$1,200.00 – from \$7,875.00 to \$9,075.00 with the following stipulations: 1) As per the current caretaker job description, the school grounds will be mowed - instead of being shredded - as soon as the grounds can be deemed appropriate and safe for a mower; the school grounds will be mowed each time the cemetery is mowed. Frances Ramsey seconded. Motion carried.
- **Approval of 2021 – 2022 Budget:** After a review of the proposed budget, Ruby Polston moved a motion to approve the 2021 – 2022 budget as amended. Kenny Roberts seconded. Motion carried.
- **Adjournment:** Harriet Walton closed the meeting with prayer.

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April 2, 2022 10:00am

The Board of Trustees of the Gober Perpetual Care Community Cemetery Association held a special meeting at the Gober Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Gaitha Castleman, president, presided and declared a quorum of board members in attendance. Board members attending were Don Grisham, Megan Griffin, Kenny Roberts, Ruby Polston, and Joetta Wallace. Associate board members attending were Gary Claxton, Kelli Blain-Burnside, and Jeff Green. Gaitha Castleman opened the meeting with prayer.

- **Addition to Legend Bank Checking Account Signature Card:** Don Grisham moved a motion to add Ruby Polston, board member, to the checking account signature card at Legend Bank, Bonham, Texas. Megan Griffin seconded. Motion carried.
- **Draft Budget for 2022 – 2023:** After a review of the 2021 – 2022 approved budget, the board developed a draft budget for 2022 – 2023. The draft budget will be reviewed and considered for approval at the annual board meeting May 15, 2022.
- **Adjournment:** Ruby Polston closed the meeting with prayer.

May 3, 2022 Board Action Via Email

- Harriet Walton moved a motion to accept the following slate of Board officers for 2022 – 2023: Gaitha Castleman, president; Don Grisham, vice-president; Joetta Wallace, secretary/treasurer. Don Grisham seconded. Motion carried.