

Minutes

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

700 E. Gibbs, Shepard Rm, Cottage Grove

July 22, 2011, 1:00pm-4:00pm

1:00 – 4:00 OCHC Public Business Meeting

- I. Welcome and Introductions (10 min)
Present: Diane Elder, Judy Juntunen, Bob Keeler, Diana LaSarge, Ken Phillips, Dirk Siedlecki. Excused: Mike Leamy
Guests: Bob Biswell – Junction City Historical Society, Linda VanOrden – Junction City Historical Society, Bob Elder, Carolin Pettit, Anne Krush – Cottage Grove Historical Society, Nancy VanSchoiack – Cottage Grove Genealogical Society
- II. Approval of February minutes & additions to the agenda (5 min) – *Tabled until October*
- III. OPRD update (15 min) – *There is a staff transition. Kyle Jansson, and Kuri Gill are changing their primary responsibilities, a new person will be hired to be apart of the work for both the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries.*
Kuri is seeking a commissioner to serve on a subcommittee to establish a heritage fund to support Heritage Programs grants.
Kuri shared appreciation for the effort of the Secretary of State's office to help historic cemetery organizations take advantage of the annual fee waiver. There will be a letter from the commission to the Secretary of State to share this appreciation.
- IV. Kyle Jansson (10 min) *Shared information about the digital newspaper project, funded in part by heritage Programs with Cultural Trust funds.*
- V. Commissioner Comments/Reports (50 min)
Judy – Crystal Lake Cemetery completed their grant project – signs are in place! She attended the Association for Gravestone Studies conference and reported on that experience. Judy created a list of veterans at Crystal Lake Cemetery to capture ones they had missed when putting out the flags. They continue to work on the database which is planned to be online.
Bob – Attend the Association for Gravestone Studies conference. He and Judy presented a long range planning workshop and the Tombstone Trail presentation. Completed a draft of the burial location methods paper. He would like review and feedback from the commissioners.
Ken – Finally has found a contact in Brookings and is planning a Brown Bag lunch for Oct or Nov. Deer Creek Cemetery is looking for mapping of the cemetery.
Diana – Has attend several meeting about the development at and around Olney Cemetery. There is a proposed development, but he maybe backing out. Help with Memorial Day event at Olney as a flag placer and greeter.
Dirk – At the Jacksonville Cemetery...Had a very successful Civil War service. History Saturdays with tours of specific topics are very popular. They have created PVC pipe flag holders that are reusable and stay buried in the soil throughout the year. Had a display at the public library. Helped at Logtown and held a marker repair workshop at Central Point. Held a brown bag on July 14.
Diane – Paisley Historic Cemetery is a loose group. They are working to identify the burial. Plan to make markers for those known, but unmarked.
- VI. Association for Gravestone Studies discussion (30 min)

The conference will be here in 2013. Judy will be a big participant in organizing it as she is on the AGS board and will be off the Commission at the time. It will be either Reed College or Willamette University. Local planning is responsible for tours and other planning. There is a proposal period and selections are made by various board members. 3rd weekend in June. Suggested field trips Oswego Ironworks trails (with cemetery) and Cemetery and Wine tour.

OCHC should encourage and propose proposals for sessions, offer a scholarship to Oregon cemetery folks, promote the conference. Keep it on the agenda to see how things develop.

- VII. Grant Review (30 min) – *All grants are in with 100% completion rate!*
- VIII. Oregon Jewish Museum Oral History Project (35 min) – *showed film*
- IX. Cemetery Rules & Enforcement discussion (30 min) - *tabled*
- X. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (5 min) –
 - a. *Oct 14 - Weston – in association with the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation. Possibly vandalism prevention and preparation workshop.*
 - b. *Feb 10 – Salem and conference call for distant members.*
 - c. *April – unclear, possibly with the conference.*
 - d. *July – Burns, Kuri will contact folks there.*
- XI. Public Comment (15 min) (3-minute limit per person)
- XII. Meeting Adjourned