

September 9, 2014

Cemetery Committee meeting

Meeting started at 7 pm with Cindy Dickerson, Debbie Grubb and Herm Yost in attendance. Nikki Tomlin arrived at 7:15.

We talked about Coughran Cemetery and the driveway. Also what has been documents and the best way to go about it.

Next was the Benjamin Cemetery:

We received a quote from Carter's Cemetery Preservation to restore 72 headstones, including labor and necessary materials. For a total of \$13,530.00, he also recommends to trim the trees to allow sunlight to come in to keep the stones dry. It was discussed that we should look at trying to raise \$20,000 to cover any other unforeseen repairs, trimming of trees, stump graining, etc.

Cindy Dickerson had call the MTA (Michigan Township Association) to verify what the Cemetery can do and not do in ways of fund raising. MTA said that we can do "Go Fund Me" and "Adopt a Stone".

When talking about "Go Fund Me" and going on the site it looks like the people that do videos have a high success rate of raising funds. Nikki suggested to have the Drama Club and the high school do a video at a credit. Nikki will talk with the Drama Teacher to see if they would be willing to do this. While Nikki is talking with the Drama Teacher she is going to ask about having Honor students come and help with the documentation of the stones. If we can get several teachers involved there may be a meeting set up with Nikki, Cindy and the teachers so come up with a plan.

Nikki as also suggested a Zombie Walk (5K), scavenger hunt and a Scary Movie day/night at the Howell Theater. Nikki has met the owner before and will contact him to see if he would be willing to do something like this. The thought would be for the Howell Theater owner to sponsor this event and he would then donate a portion of the sales back to the Cemetery Fund.

Also mentioned was a Marshmallow Drop at Dawn Patrol next year and maybe a BBQ Cook Off. I'm going to sit down with Paul Harmon and ask him if the Rotary would be interested in doing something like this for our Cemetery Fund.

It was mentioned to contact Rick Van Gilder to see if he would do a night of giving a % of the sales from his Hunted Corn Maze to the Cemetery Fund. The thought on this would be for member of Conway Cemetery Board and Volunteers to work the Hunted Corn Maze that evening.

Debbie Grub will make a poster featuring some of the stones that need repairs and ask for donations. This poster will be put on the wall in the township hall.

Next meeting will be on Oct 7th at 7 pm

Meeting ended at 8 pm