

Portland Mills Cemetery Newsletter – 2019

The annual meeting of Stockholders of Portland Mills Cemetery was held on June 2, 2019. There were 21 in attendance.

Carolyn Smith Collins, President, called the meeting to order.

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting, June 2, 2018. The minutes were approved as read.

Sandy Hopkins, Treasurer, gave the treasures report.

Expenses:	\$ 3,773.83
Income:	\$ 2,276.64
Bank Account Balance	\$ 4,501.35
Endowment Fund CD's:	\$60,000.00

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Harold Thomas gave a report on the grounds. The holes in question in an area of the cemetery were filled by Todd Hopkins. Now they are able to mow that area. Even though the mower had the annual service, Harold still had a break down and had to have a repair. Because the mower can not reach some places around the Flagpole, he will use Round-up.

Dan Harbison helped Mike Spencer in removing a dead tree and planting a new tree in its place. The tree was in Memory of Mike's father, Maynard Spencer, who served in WWII. He parachuted into France and was captured by the Germans and was a POW for 2 years.

There were two burials since our last meeting a year ago.

Anna Glover Fordice Buried 1-2-2019

Jerry Lewis Humphreys Buried 4-17-2019

We are asking if you move, would you please contact Carolyn Smith Collins, 765.592.5205, and give her your new address? That saves expense in having letters returned. We had 4 letters returned this year. The Post Office had put the new address on two of them but did not forward them. One, we can get the address from family. There is one, Michael A. Guerrettaz Sr, whose letter was returned. Does anyone know his new address? If so, let Carolyn know.

Donations are down. If anyone would like to make donations to the upkeep of the cemetery, it would be appreciated. You can send your donations to Todd and Sandy Hopkins, 3214 N 1200 E, Russellville, IN 46175. The donations are tax deductible. We operate the cemetery on donations, sales of lots and the interest earned from the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is only used in emergencies. We will be buying a new mower in the near future so consider giving a donation. The cemetery grounds are always beautiful and it takes work to keep it that way.

You can access the cemetery website at portlandmills.com. There is so much information there on the cemetery with pictures of all of the stones of those who are buried there. There is also a Veterans page with

all Veterans buried at Portland Mills Cemetery with information on where and when they served. David Marrero does a great job keeping the website updated.

An election was held for President and Vice President. Stephanie Thomas Wrightsman made a motion to retain Carolyn Smith Collins for President and Dan Harbison for Vice President. Janet Spencer Barr seconded the motion. Carolyn and Dan were elected for 2-year terms.

The next meeting will be June 7, 2020, at 2 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Smith Collins President – 765.592.5205

Dan Harbison, Vice President

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary

Harold Thomas, Grounds Keeper