

MINUTES OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

It was suggested that the society have a two-fold card made to acknowledge and thank those who join the society.

It was determined that the group has finalized the name of the society as St. Luke's Episcopal Church Historical Society and that the fees to join would be set at \$25 annually or \$100 for a lifetime membership. The mission of the society is to research, discover, promote, and share the significance of St. Luke's Episcopal Church cemetery in the broader community.

Pauline Mitchell will continue to work on the temporary brochure with Connie and Tammy. We are lacking a few of the pictures we hoped to use in the brochure.

Any excess funds collected above and beyond those needed to accomplish our immediate goals was discussed and the group seemed to favor donating them to the cemetery fund with stipulations to be determined. This matter was not voted upon and will need further consideration at a time when the situation of excess funds arises.

Steve Larrick will present information to date about the society at the Adult Forum on Sunday, February 8 and March 6.

Steve Larrick had several samples of markers to be considered for use in the cemetery to mark off the 70 plus sections. He will research national cemeteries re: various types and styles of markers. It was noted that Powhatan Community Cemetery has granite markers. The aluminum markers Steve had obtained for consideration would cost \$12 - \$15 each. We could use one per section or the ideal would be 4 marking the corners of each section. Steve will continue to research markers hoping to find something more suitable.

Steve Larrick continues to research products to clean some of the older headstones without disturbing the patina or almost illegible inscriptions. The D/2 (?) cleaner produced mixed results.

Steve is working on a chart showing the status of the graves; some may be empty or cannot be used due to the growth of trees. The chart will also show the grave sites still available.

Someone suggested we needed a recorder/secretary for our meetings as staff does not have time to attend our meetings. No one volunteered.

The committee discussed the possibility of a website, and Steve Larrick opined that one would cost in the range of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

It was decided that the meetings of the committee would be at 10:00 A.M. on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on March 8, 2016 in the Parish House.