

**Grave Concerns Association Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2011**

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June 20,2011, 4:30 p.m.

Home of Jim and Pat Senko, Steilacoom, WA

Present: Geoff Piper, Becky Huber, Michael Hardy, Carol Slaughter, Carla Wutz, Jim Senko, Laurel Lemke, Chris Wolpert, and April Prey. **Excused:** Rosemary Chaput, Richard Chiaravalloti, Kris Reisinger, Henrietta Schwartzentrub, Karen Young.

Guest: Warren Gohl

Minutes from 5/9/2011 approved

Agenda for 6/20/2011 approved

Treasurer's Report:

ACU \$5,751.91 in checking

Debit

100.00 To Steve Desilets for writing code for photos

65.78 To Kris Reisinger (supplies on display board)

P86.70 To Rosemary Chaput for lunch for Christ Lutheran Compassion Weekend event

71.58 To Carla Wutz for copying expenses

Credit

480.00 From Dahlia sale (approx. \$20.00 more due)

26.20 To Carol Slaughter (signed over to GCA)

86.70 Christ Lutheran Church for cover lunch expenses for Compassion Weekend

4,000.00 From Modern Woodmen of America: Doubling of Joesppi's event and auction

Owe

1,617.64 To Premier Memorial

President's Report:

Laurel Lemke mentioned that the Gardens at Saint Elizabeth for Restored Dignity in Washington, D.C. had been featured at the National Council Conference that she attended in San Diego during early May. Laurel discussed the possibility of requesting another grant from OptumHealth Public Sector. Cheri Dolezal, Director of OptumHealth Pierce RSN was receptive to presenting a proposal community oriented activity at this fall, near the end of the calendar year.

Laurel gave a presentation to the R.O.C. youth group at Lakewood First Baptist. This group will be volunteering at the cemetery because a youth leader attended the Grave Concerns presentation at the Steilacoom Kiwanis group this March.

Vice Chair Report:

Carol Slaughter plans to pick up 27 stones from Premier Monument on Monday, June 27, 2011. Stone are to be placed on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. She will be working with 50 young adults from Lakewood First Baptist Church. Carol will also have them locate the stones.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Michael handed out a form for tracking volunteer hours per month. Call him (or e-mail) with hours each month. The monthly meeting is a good time to give him your hours.

Database Committee:

Carla reported that she is still waiting for proofing on the web page. She and Patty Becker have not yet coordinated a day or time. Steve Desilets possibly has the web page updated to add to information needed to be able place a photo on the page.

Event Planning Committee:

On Monday, June 27, 2011, Vicki Reed, Mountain View Cemetery receptionist, will be at the cemetery doing grave grooming. Mountain View Cemetery encourages their employees to do volunteer work in the community.

Carol will be picking up 27 stones on Monday, June 27, 2011. Stones are to be placed on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. She will be working with Dan Spoon, Youth Pastor from First Baptist Church of Lakewood and a group of 50 teens and adults. Carol will have them locate the stones, install them and participate in Grave Grooming. Laurel suggested a product called Simply Green that is biodegradable that can be used on cleaning grave stones.

Publicity Committee:

Laurel updates Facebook, wshgraveconcern.org, Suburban Times, and Northwest Seeds of Change on upcoming events. No completion of editing yet for the movie prepared by the state library. It was discussed as whether to use Twitter, however, there is a limit of 140 characters per posting. Blogging was also discussed however this is kind of like a diary online.

Brochure needs work. Laurel will check with Kris Reisinger who might be willing to assist.

There is small patch (kind of like a bar code) available to place on pictures (or whatever) then someone with a smartphone can point the phone at the patch and their phone will go to the web page. These patches can be put on the pictures on display board(s).

By-Laws Committee:

No meeting this past month.

Old Business:

Laurel will turn in a report to the State of Washington (cost \$10.00) for non-profit agencies, which is our annual renewal with the state of Washington.

Laurel remarked that the paperwork requirement for filing with the IRS for a nonprofit is simple if the amount of annual income is less than \$50,000. The prior limit for this reporting level was \$25,000. Grave Concerns will endeavor to operate at \$50,000 or less per year.

New Business:

Lakewood Summerfest runs from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Booths occupied until 7:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. Chris Wolpert will be at SummerFest at the Modern Woodmen of America. We decided to have Chris personally present the large paper check at the event at 1:00 p.m. for a photo opportunity. Grave Concerns members are encouraged to attend. Laurel would like to have a display board updated to include photos from the Joesepi's event. April Prey will try to print photos featuring the Joseppi's event from the FaceBook photos posted on our page by Henrietta Schwartzentrub.

PeaceOut Inc. out is starting their summer session during July, 2011. We may have the opportunity to participate in a fair for a possible. Grave Concerns is helping support two students in the summer session.

Laurel shared a need for a home printer for Grave Concerns documents. It was moved and passed that Laurel purchase a printer for up to \$200.00. Some members offered to investigate printers.

Jim Senko suggested that we have goals and what has been done on the display board/kiosk.

This lead to a discussion about the kiosk and what is one it. As you go in the pedestrian gate the kiosks are on the right.

The first one:

West Side

1. Map of the cemetery
2. Map of WSH ground
3. GCA 4/18/2009 explanation
4. Seattle P-I news article dated 4/16/2009

East Side

1. Various newspaper articles
2. List of famous people with mental illness

The second one:

North side

1. Perimeter project, photos from the installations

South side

1. Park rules
2. Map Fort Steilacoom Park

Picnic at Carol Slaughter's house on Vashon Island is August 8, 2011, (3rd Monday) catch 4:35 or 5:30 p.m. Pay for Ferry as a walk on. .

Embroidered patches were discussed. Chris W. agreed to check with his wife who does embroidery work and silk screening and have her contact Laurel. Embroidery is more expensive than silk screening.

Warren Gohl is a former military staff and former McNeil Island counselor. He is a Native American (Winnebago-Senneca) from the state of New York. Mr. Gohl is trying to locate the Alaskan Indians buried on McNeil Island. There are approximately 200 names on his list. He is not sure that is all of them. Due to TB and pneumonia 20% died, and never to return to Alaska. Carla gave him a name and phone of a former guard and will look for information she has on another. Mr. Gohl's phone is 253-988-5265.

Announcements:

Lakewood Historical Society is having tours of Villa Madera on July 31, 2011. Tickets are \$50.00 and include the following: wine, nibble on hors d'ourves, listen to 1920s music, while touring, beautiful landscaping, architecture, (1920's costumes optional). Tours are guided. The Villa Madera was originally 20 acres, however, it has been reduced to 3 acres. This house (mansion) is also known as the house that Linda Evans lived in.

Lakewood Historical Society meeting on June 21, 2011, topic is History of Lakewood Fire Department.

Historic Cemetery Tours are available at Tacoma Cemetery on Friday and Saturday July 10, & 11, 2011. Kris Reisinger will be signing her book about The Cemeteries of Tacoma at the function.

Adjournment:

Next meeting is July 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Officer's Quarters (2nd Bldg).

Minutes prepared by

Carla Wutz, Secretary Pro Tem

Reviewed by

Laurel Lemke, Chair Grave Concerns Association