

Cemetery Committee report to Council February, 19th, 2019

1. Current members: Terry Marshall and Martha Heidkamp in collaboration with Terrie Puckett and the National Office staff, currently Elizabeth Baubach.
We don't have regularly scheduled meetings, as most of the work occurs on a sporadic basis.
Chairperson: not specified as such but Terry takes the lead mostly.

2. What have we been working on?
During 2018 Terry has written or amended/edited approximately 11 obituaries and arranged two funerals. Together Martha and Terry arranged to participate in a memorial for Jean Wilson along with several other Grail members.

Terrie Puckett has arranged for someone to dig the graves in place of Pat Hill.

It still needs to be clarified which, if any of these tasks fall under the Cemetery Committee and which need to be taken up by an "End of Life" committee (as discussed at the April 18th meeting convened by the NLT) even if Terry would continue to be involved with them.

3. Are there any obstacles that need to be addressed?
See "Necessary Resources"

4. Do you have necessary resources to complete work?

We need to clarify funding sources for the following two major projects:

- a) Working with Terrie Puckett, we still plan to "redo" the cemetery for lower maintenance. Originally, we were thinking of replacing the current plastic underlay and gravel. After some research and re-thinking what is involved in that—removing and replacing memorial stones, etc., we are leaning towards installing a ground cover that could be mowed occasionally if necessary. Advice suggests Ajuga as the most suitable. We want something that will last 10-20 years. Terry is working to get an estimate of cost for coverage.
- b) For the last funeral, Mary Lu Lageman drove the tractor with a wagon lent by a neighbor. Should we be thinking of a more permanent arrangement for the future. Should we purchase a wagon? Will we retain a tractor appropriate for the purpose of pulling the tractor? In any case we need to purchase a hitch for the current tractor. (ref: Mary Lu)

5. Do you anticipate changes in membership?

We might possibly add one a member by the end of 2019. We first need to get a clearer sense of collaboration with the National Office personnel and the End of Life Committee, as it becomes a reality. We also need to see what gaps may occur now that Terry is no longer a local resident at Grailville and completes the Archives work which has brought her to Grailville on a regular basis during 2018 and into 2019.

6. Are all committee members able to participate fully? So far, yes.