

Friends of the Bryson City Cemetery

09 March 2017

Community Room, United Community Bank of Bryson City

The meeting was convened at 4:35 p.m.

In attendance were the following:

Don Casada, Christine Colcord, Judy Revis, Wendy Meyers, Betty Sandlin, Gwen Breese, Joyce Cooper, Kelly Carnes (and children), and Sarah Robinson

Minutes

Minutes from 09 February 2017 were read and approved.

Financials

- The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.
- 5 new members have joined; the FBCC now has a total of 64 members.
- Gwen forwarded a motion to accept the report; Betty seconded.

Grounds

- No mowing as yet has been required.
- Many bulbs have been planted; daffodils and crocuses are up.
- Don also planted a dogwood.
- Hopefully the JROTC will do some work on that next month.
- Jack Coburn's grave is collapsing, as is his wife Bland's. This appears to be a problem for individuals buried pre-1940. The FBCC is considering applying for grant funding to correct this issue.
- 256 gravestones have been photographed before and after they were cleaned.
- Sign board – at this time, there are no volunteers to assist with this project.

Website and Media

- We need more pictures for the website.
- Don would like to have help identifying what churches people attended. Betty will help with the Methodist Church, Don will help with the Presbyterian Church, and John and Bob will help with this for First Baptist Church
- Don reviewed which biographical/historical sketches have been done. Betty will do one on the DeBords.

Communications

- Don did a presentation at the genealogical society meeting that was very well-received.

Other

- Judy is mostly done with her article on the Myers family.
- Meeting times are somewhat problematic. Afternoons are fine for some, but not for others. PAWS has the room reserved for the same Thursday on which we have our meetings, through 6:00. Don will send out an email to the group regarding preferred dates and times for the future. The next meeting will be held on April 20th at 1:00 p.m.
- Christine and Don submitted the annual report to the IRS.
- Christine will submit an application for this year's Heritage Festival.

Presentation

- Wendy Meyers provided a presentation on Ben Enloe and the Enloe family that is buried in the cemetery.
- Judy Revis will give a presentation on the Myers family at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.