

**Parish of the Precious Blood
Cemetery Council Minutes
June 8, 2017**

The meeting was called to order, at 5:40 pm by chair Mike Tardiff at the parish center, with a prayer.

Those in attendance were:

George Baker	St. Mark
Gregory Plourde	St. Theresa
John Powers	St. Mary
Harold Cote	Sacred Heart
Dan Lalonde	St. Louis
Mike Tardiff	Holy Rosary
Herm Turcotte	Cemetery Operations

**Absent were: Bob Leblanc, Betty Thompson, Jim Pelkey, Corrinne Pelletier.
Also present was parishioner Ryan Rogers.**

Chairperson Mike Tardiff introduced Ryan and he asked the council if it would consider a change of type of grave markers in a certain section of Holy Rosary Cemetery.

His grandfather had a bronze military plaque and he was wondering if a different type could be installed for his grandmother. After Ryan left, the council had a lengthy discussion on the matter and a motion was made by Don Lalonde to check by-laws, rules and regulations. Motion seconded by John Powers and results brought back to the council. Motion accepted by all.

A motion was made by Don Lalonde and seconded by John Powers to accept the minutes of the April 20 meeting as presented. Passed by council.

Financial review: Chairman Mike Tardiff gave a financial report as follows, as of June 7, 2017. Total assets have increased for same time in 2016 from \$492,737.00 to \$502,600.00. All cemetery lawn care bills have been paid to the end of May 2017 and the Parish still has accounts receivable from funeral

directors of \$8,040.00. Parish cemeteries that are currently in the red are:

Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 155.00
St. Dennis	1,100.00
St. Mary	611.00
St. Mark	7,498.00

All other cemeteries are covering these deficiencies. Don Lalonde made a motion, seconded by John Powers to accept the financial report as presented.

(George asked why the \$7,498.00 for St. Mark and he was told that he would have to contact Mike Legassie for answers.) Motion carried.

Discussion: It was brought to the attention of the council that some funeral directors are holding openings and closings of burials without contacting the parish. Registered mail will go out to all funeral directors that this is illegal and will not be tolerated and to cease these activities.

John Powers asked if the council would be interested in purchasing a small section of ground between St. Mary cemetery on Chapman Street and the railroad tracks. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that *John Powers* would talk to our new Pastor, Fr. Dave, about this.

Herm mentioned to George and the council that Don Lalonde is the person to talk to about ground penetrating radar for the Sheridan Cemetery

on the mountain. Following a short discussion, Don said he would contact the people at UMPI and schedule a date with George.

The next meeting will be on August 10. A discussion followed that if we did not need to meet we would reschedule.

A motion was made by Harold Cote, seconded by Don LaLonde to adjourn. A closing prayer to our Blessed Mother was recited by all.

Respectfully submitted, George Baker, Sec. Pro-tem