

**Walnut Hill Church
Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting
September 12, 2021**

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- Minutes of the January 26, 2020, Association Meeting*
- Financial Report*

President's Report *

Business Items:

- Proposed change to the Rules & Regulations*
- Election of Board Members and Officers
 - Chairperson (nominating Bud Smith)
 - President (nominating Mark Horman)
 - Secretary/Treasurer (nominating Deidre Talbot)
 - Member (nominating Chris Bohmer)
- Note: Senior Warden (currently John Wharton) also serves
- Cemetery/Church Grounds Project Update

Adjourn & Closing Prayer

*items included in the meeting packet

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The meeting was called to order by Lisa Smith, Chairperson, in the Sanctuary following the service.

The Minutes were distributed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and approved.

President's Report, Mark Horman:

- 1215 total plots originally, but number has changed due to plantings; now number yet to be determined.
- Cemetery association was established in 1984.
- Have sold 201 plots thus far; no burials this year.
- Prices have not changed.
- He has been working with Gip Downing and Lyle Hanna on the project.

New Business:

- Rev. Mike Ward presented the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulation under "Structural Barriers and Plantings". Current text reads : "Structural barriers, perennial ground cover, or shrub plantings which may hinder or complicate maintenance operations, or would tend to set apart one or more burial sites from the rest of the cemetery, **are not permitted**". Proposed text reads "...burial sites from the rest of the cemetery, **must be approved by the Board of Directors.**" Motion to accept the changes was passed.
- President noted that this is a wonderful opportunity to be more focused on beautification.
- Lyle Hanna: Trees that were dead or dying have been removed; 30 new trees have been added thus far in the project.
- Gip Downing: Gave update on the Grounds project, 50 to 60% complete regarding the cemetery. Barr Family is getting estimates to repair the wall. Children's burial area improvements will be funded by a Marie Masters' estate donation. The temporary irrigation system is in; working on a permanent one. There are still opportunities to

donate trees. The bulk of hardwoods have been planted with donations. The Grounds Project is focused on completing the cemetery work.

- Mark Horman mentioned adding plaques to trees. They could be hung with brass medallions with leather straps so they could be moved.
- Officers were nominated and elected as follows: Lisa Smith, Chairperson; Mark Horman, President; Chris Bohmer, Member-at-Large; Deidre Talbott, Secretary/Treasurer.

Recorded by Deidre Talbott, Secretary

Walnut Hill Church Cemetery Association

Treasurer's Report, January 2021 to September 2021

Cash Deposits:

PNC National Bank Checking Account	\$ 16,751.32
Certificates of Deposit:	
PNC National Bank	\$ 35,435.66
	12,000.40
	46,024.47
Community Trust	\$ 56,865.91
Total Deposits:	\$ 167,077.76

Income:

Angela West	\$ 900.00
Henry and Jeanine York	2,400.00
John T. Jones	3,300.00
Brian K. Tucker	8,100.00
Chris Bohmer	1,600.00
Philip Bloomfield	900.00
Sherry Warden	900.00

Charitable Contributions:

Laurence and Angela Anderson	\$ 100.00
Church transfer of Memorials to Cemetery account (Thomas Jonas)	455.00

Expenses :

Lexington Granite Company	\$ 180.00
Walnut Hill Church Ground Maintenance Contribution	3,000.00
Secretary of State Filing Fee	Donation

WALNUT HILL CHURCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

(reflects activity since January, 2020)

1. Total cemetery acreage - 1.72
 - a. Old Cemetery - .58 acres
 - b. Active Section - 1.02 acres
 - c. Misc. Acreage - .12 acres
2. Number of burials - 3 Traditional and 2 Cremains
3. Number of plots sold - 26
4. Total approximate number of plots - 1215
5. Total plots sold to date - 227

WALNUT HILL CHURCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC
RULES AND REGULATIONS

(proposed revisions in red)

BURIAL:

Burials will be permitted based on purchases of burial privileges within designated lots as accepted by the Corporation. “Natural Burials” will be permitted. The Association defines “Natural Burials” as burials where the body is prepared without chemical preservatives or disinfectants (such as embalming fluid), and the body is placed in a biodegradable coffin, casket or shroud. Vaults will not be required for “Natural Burials”. “Natural Burials” must be handled by a Funeral Home approved by the Association. Those Funeral Homes would typically be, either certified, or have experience with “Natural Burials”. “Natural Burials” will incur a 25% surcharge added to the Perpetual Care Fee.

BURIAL COSTS:

-Purchase - The costs for burial privileges shall be \$500 per lot plus an \$100 fee for corner markers on the grave site. Grave lots not used or not needed by the purchaser must be sold back to the Corporation at the original purchase price and cannot be otherwise transferred without the written consent of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. No more than 10 burial privileges may be sold at one time to a single purchaser without the written consent of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

-Burial - At the time of burial there will be a cost for opening and closing of the grave paid to the funeral director.

-Perpetual Care Fee - At the time of **purchase**, an additional \$300 charge will be required to provide for future maintenance of the grave site.

-All fees (Purchase, Perpetual Care) will be collected when a lot is purchased.
(Costs and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the cemetery Board of Directors.)

VAULTS: All burials, except “Natural Burials” (see above) or urns with cremated remains (see “Cremains” below) will require approved vaults.

MARKER STONES: The Cemetery Association encourages permanent headstones. Foot stones **and secondary identification markers flush with the ground are permitted.**

-Construction of Headstones: All headstones shall be constructed of high grade granite, marble, or bronze, and must be placed on approved concrete foundations.

-Height of Headstones: All headstones, other than those which are flush with the existing ground surface, must be at least twelve (12) inches above ground level.

-Size of Headstones- Headstone monuments approved by the Corporation shall be in keeping with existing standards. The front face area of the marker shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the surface area of the burial plot. Headstones spanning two lots shall also adhere to 30% of two lots.

-Installation- The installation of headstones shall be coordinated with the Cemetery Board of Directors.

INSCRIPTIONS: All inscriptions on headstones shall face the grave.

ABOVE-GROUND VAULTS: Above-ground vaults shall not be permitted.

CREMAINS:

-*Cremain Urns*: Urns, or other approved containers, in which cremains are to be buried may be encased within an urn vault, or without a vault, by pre-approval from the Cemetery association.

-*Burial of Cremains*: Two (2) approved containers may be accepted for burial on one (1) cemetery lot if required. The “All Souls Walk” area is designated for flush headstones where cremains may be buried.

-Scattering of Cremains is permitted, but the Cemetery Board must approve the location.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS: No artificial flowers or artificial wreaths shall be permitted at any time.

STRUCTURAL BARRIERS AND PLANTING: Structural barriers, perennial ground cover, or shrub plantings which may hinder or complicate maintenance operations, or would tend to set apart one or more burial sites from the rest of the cemetery, must be approved by the Board of Directors. Space for memorials such as benches designed to improve the appearance or function of the cemetery can be accommodated in areas so designated and approved by the cemetery Board of Directors.

BURIAL APPROVAL: All burials shall be supervised and approved by the designated members of the Corporation’s Board of Directors.

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The Walnut Hill Church Cemetery Association has been incorporated and given permission by the Presbytery of Transylvania to sell burial privileges for lots in the Walnut Hill Cemetery. Walnut Hill Members and Friends* may reserve lots by purchase and use them according to the Rules and Regulations described in this pamphlet. **In emergency cases, the Cemetery Association President, the Senior Warden, and the Pastor may approve the purchase and use of cemetery lots by persons other than Members and Friends.** Detailed maps are available with exact lot locations which you can consult when making your decision. Use the form below to make your request.

(*The Clerk of the Vestry of Walnut Hill Church maintains the official roll of Members and Friends.)

(Revised and approved **September 12, 2021**)