# Hales Passage Scandinavian Lutheran Cemetery Association Annual Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2016

Sears Farm across from Cemetery

# I Call to Order

35 people braved the rain and the chilly weather to help with the annual clean up.

II **Read and Approval of Minutes to previous Membership and Board Meetings** Minutes were read and approved without correction.

# III Treasurer's Report & Plots Sales

Expenses –	\$989.37
Donations -	\$1045.00
Sale of 6 Plots	\$2400.00
Interment Fees (3)	\$150.00
Checking Balance	\$11,334.62
CD Balance	\$13,256.33 (includes interest of \$5.94)

### IV Acknowledging those who passed away during the year

Rosemary Ann (Martenson) Brynest	ad 203 J wife to Dick Brynestad
19 January 1932 Tacoma, WA	16 June 2015, Gig Harbor, WA
Carl William Erickson	2364 husband to Sandra Erickson
Nov 11, 1927, Portland, Ore	Oct 26, 2015, Gig Harbor, WA
Elizabeth Featherstone	2043 family friend of Paul McCormick
Mar 1, 1949, Costa Mesa, CA	Aug 10, 2015, Gig Harbor, WA
Eric Featherstone	2043 family friend of Paul McCormick
Mar 17. 1968, Santa Anna,	CA Oct 9, 2011, Gig Harbor, WA
Laura Mary Hrudicka	508 family friend of Paul Fritts & Susan McConnell
Dec 26, 1917 Chatham NY	July 24, 2013 Tacoma, WA
1	53 son of Laura/Chris Johnson, Grandson to Glen/Cheryl Rogers /Jay 14, 2016

# V Old Business

Website – The website has been a good means of communication for those looking for information about the cemetery and relatives. To date there have been over 1700 visitors since May 2014.

# VI New Business

What to do about unwanted Graves?

The Cemetery is not in the position to purchase unwanted grave plots. After discussion, a motion was made: "Individuals may donate the unwanted plots back to the cemetery and they in turn could claim a tax deduction for the current market value of \$400". It was moved and seconded. Motion carried. This transaction would have to be recorded with the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Election of Officers President - Vice President - Secretary – Treasurer After no one wished to partake as an officer, the current officers agreed to serve another term. It was moved and seconded to retain the current slate of officers for another year:

President	Ben Pearson
Vice President	Joyce Sears
Treasurer	Donna Doherty
Secretary	Laurie Dahl Isacson

Election of Trustee – It was moved and seconded to reinstate Nate Sears for another 3 year term. Current trustees are:

Doug Holsinger	2014 - 2017
Suzan McCormick	2015 - 2018
Nate Sears	2016 - 2019

#### VII Other

Veterans Day Remembrance A dozen Cub Scouts from Pack 202 and a Girl Scout honored each veteran of the cemetery with a flag and a salute. The cemetery provided maps, a list noting the known veterans and flags. The troop leaders organized the kids into groups. It was a great event of honor and respect

Spencer Fields completed an Eagle Scout project in August. He photographed every grave and posted them on the website of www.billiongraves.com

Thanks for the Sears Family for their hospitality and use of the garage.

Thanks to all who have cleaned, mowed and repaired items at the cemetery throughout the year.

# VIII Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Dahl Isacson, Secretary