

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

2008

Committee - The Cemetery Committee is presently co-chaired by Donald Stauffer and John Bell. Committee members include: William Spacht, Frank Woods, Scott Garman, Robert Singer and Thomas Reinfried.

Programs - We could still use several more committee members, especially persons who are available during the day and are willing to take the responsibility of locating grave sites and marking them for the grave digger. We are continuing to train committee members in locating grave sites. The area along the Southern border of the cemetery was greatly improved by killing off the weeds, filling in depressions, leveling off and reseeding with grass. A total of 16 grave sites were marked for interment in 2008. This included 7 cremation and 9 regular burials. We've had several complaints during the year including the suggestion that we prohibit dogs in the cemetery, that some stones are leaning and should be leveled, and that the cremation area is in need of beautification.

Goals - We need to continue to work on a plan for the continued upkeep of the cemetery property. As fewer cemetery lots are available to be sold and the cost of mowing continues to rise, the funds for the upkeep on the property will become increasingly more difficult to come by. A plan has to be formulated for the day when expenses exceed income.

We need to be able to locate more of the markers presently covered by several inches of dirt and grass. A project for this year will be to locate more of these markers.

We need to work on a plan to make the cremation area more pleasing to the eye.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009.