

**COKER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

May 21, 2017

President Gerfers called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. The opening prayer was given by Arthur Gray. Prior to opening the meeting, desserts with iced tea and coffee were enjoyed by the attendees.

**Program Presentation:** President Butch Gerfers presented an interesting video and talk regarding the 60<sup>th</sup> Coker School Jubilee.

Tom DeKunder displayed a trophy from 1926 that had been won by his father during a track meet at school.

**Minutes:** Copies of the minutes from the May 1, 2016 annual meeting were made available to the members. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** David Schneider, Treasurer, presented the financial report for 2016. Copies were made available to the members. A motion was made to accept the report as presented; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Audit Committee:** Arthur Gray, Chairman, reported that his committee, consisting of himself, James Coker and Joyce Gray, reviewed the financial records for the period ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Gray presented his report that the financial records are in order and they fairly state the financial position of the cemetery association.

**Nominating Committee:** Carl Ohlenbush, Chairman reported that his committee consisting of himself and David Schneider, recommend the following slate for Trustees: Bob Battaglia, Carl Coker, James Coker, Butch Gerfers, Joyce Gray, Carl Ohlenbusch, David Schneider, Gary Nagel and Kathy Coker Winn. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the recommended slate of officers, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **President's Report:**

- The president expressed thanks to Cecelia Coker and her committee for another excellent job in organizing the dessert fellowship time before the meeting.
- There have been 3 burials since our last annual meeting:
  - Barbara Olsen
  - James Chessher
  - Sid Autry
- Coker book update: (Trinity University/ Maverick Press)

Gail Spencer has finished the first draft and a copy has been received by the committee. Gail still needs signed permission from numerous Coker members in order to publish photographs.

- Request from Coker UMC:

A request was made from Coker UMC for permission to establish a walkway from the area of the dog kennels, west of the cemetery (which will become a church parking lot), and through the cemetery to the church. This new walkway would allow direct access to the UMC columbarium. Coker cemetery allows ashes to be buried in gravesites. A committee comprised of several Coker trustees met with a committee from Coker UMC for the purpose of obtaining complete information on the matter. It was decided at the Coker Trustee Meeting in January, 2017 that Coker is not interested in a walkway through the cemetery at this time.

## **Old Business:**

- Coker Committee Request:

President Gerfers stated that there is a need for interested people to volunteer for committies.

A closing prayer was given by President Butch Gerfers and the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.