

## **COKER CEMETERY**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

May 5, 2019

President Gerfers called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There were 34 members and guests in attendance. The opening prayer was given by Arthur Gray. Prior to the meeting, desserts with iced tea and coffee were enjoyed by the attendees.

#### Program Presentation:

This year's program was given by Joe Bill Fox, the legendary football coach of MacArthur and NEISD Athletic Director in the 1960s. Some of his former players were in the audience. Mr. Fox told many inspiring stories, with his teams often over achieving due to playing with heart and determination. He stressed unity and integrity, and these values stayed with his players. He complimented the Coker Cemetery Association for keeping our heritage and said that you need to know where you have been to know where you are headed. His message was very well received by the group.

#### Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from May 20, 2018 annual meeting were made available to the members. A motion was made by Jim Autry to accept the minutes and seconded by Gary Nagel. The vote to approve was unanimous.

#### Financial Reports:

David Schneider, Treasurer, presented the financial report for 2018. Copies were made available to the members. He said that 2018 was a good year, with interest income, donation income and memorial income all up from the previous year. Net income for the year was plus \$6,277. A motion to accept the report was made by James Coker, seconded by Carl Ohlenbusch and passed unanimously.

#### Audit Committee:

Arthur Gray, Chairman, reported that the Audit Committee, consisting of himself, Joyce Gray and Gary Nagel, reviewed the financial records for the period ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Gray presented the written statement of the Committee that the financial records are in order and that they fairly state the financial position of the Coker Cemetery Association.

### Nominating Committee:

Carl Ohlenbusch, Chairman, reported that his committee consisting of himself and David Schneider, recommend the following slate for Trustees: Carl Coker, James Coker, Butch Gerfers, Joyce Gray, Carl Ohlenbusch, David Schneider, Gary Nagel, Kathy Coker Winn and Phil Dalmolin. A motion was made to accept the recommended slate of Trustees, seconded and passed unanimously.

### President's Report:

- President Gerfers thanked Cecelia Coker for handling the desserts.
  
- There have been five burials since our last annual meeting:
  1. Merrie Frances Kronk Monaco
  2. Annette Tomasini
  3. Barbara Billingsley Nichols
  4. Linda Ellen Jones Perry
  5. Bob Battaglia (in New Braunfels)
  
- Our book, which is titled “Haunting the Graveyard, Unearthing the Story of the Coker Settlement” is in its final stages and we look forward to publication later in the year.
  
- The Cemetery survey was completed in January, 2019 by H. A. Kuehlem, Professional Surveyors.
  
- We have now had two Cemetery workdays cancelled due to the weather, and another workday will likely be scheduled later in the year.

### Old Business:

President Gerfers thanked Cecelia Coker and Phil Dalmolin for transcribing old obituaries. He also stated that there is a need for interested people to volunteer on our Committees.

A closing prayer was given by Arthur Gray and meeting was adjourned at 5:05.