

**Fuqua Family Cemetery a Non Profit Corporation
AKA Erwin Cemetery Association
Board Meeting at Annual Members Meeting
Anderson, Texas
May 5, 2019**

Meeting Called to order by Chairman John Stout

Present:

Billy Binford

Mike McLain

Melanie Rogers

Brad Fuqua

Pat McClure, Treasurer

Charlotte Moody, Secretary

Attending: Mike McLain, Brad Fuqua, Melanie and Buck Rogers, John and Laurel Stout, Charlotte Moody, Michael Moody, Janet, Analeigh and Rob Lamb, Molly, Pat and Trish McClure, Tommy Gergeni, Billy Binford and Bobby Fuqua. Voting members attending: 11.

By Laws require board to have a meeting preceding annual meeting but we are going to combine the board meeting and the annual meeting this year.

Financial Report: Pat McClure: Checking accounts have been combined and moved to First National Bank Anderson. Balance last statement: \$9644.97.

Membership Update: 54 members in good standing. We have additional members within last two weeks.

John explained the 2019 Cash Flow Estimate Sheet, which shows the required number of members to cover the cost of operating the cemetery. A copy is attached to the minutes.

The cemetery is mowed every three weeks if needed; also have costs for mailings and unexpected expense such as tree limbs. The cemetery has been cleaned up and old shrubbery and dead trees have been removed. The cemetery looks nice and well kept.

The board and membership discussed the 2019 dues and recommended the dues be set at \$50 for the 2019 annual amount. Dues will be due August 31, 2019. The motion was made by Brad Fuqua and seconded by Michael McLain. The motion carried.

The board and membership discussed the membership fee and agreed to set the amount at \$0 because the membership fee discourages new members especially

young families. Motion was made by Melanie Rogers and seconded by Billy Binford. Motion carried.

Activities of the Board since the last annual meeting:

Have Board meetings via conference call every three months.

Cemetery Documents, bank statements, minutes of board meetings and meeting notices are posted on line at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1qa-8JeEabHP09UMehTv-iDoiUTIKHeV>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/erwincemetery/>

Combined bank accounts

Legal Status: The Agreed Judgment was signed by Judge, which closes the settlement case.

Mike McLain is creating an updated plat or map of the cemetery, which will also be on line. He is creating an alphabetical listing of burials with birth and death dates on Google drive also. This should be available in next 30 days.

The cemetery road is a big expense to maintain. In the past, member families have repaired the road at their own expense. The county will not take over the maintenance responsibilities because they do not have a 60 ft. wide easement. We have a 40 ft. easement.

Burial Site reservations: Some families have outlined their plots with concrete curbing or identified the corners with granite markers. The board has created a Burial Site Reservation Form so that the board can reserve the requested burial place on the new plat. Some folks think they had burial site reservations but none of these records were given to us by the previous administration. These records are apparently lost.

The Fuqua Family Cemetery, a non-profit Corporation AKA Erwin Cemetery Association has received its non-profit status **501C3** from the IRS. The cemetery dues are now tax deductible. The proper filings with the IRS are up to date. Filings with the IRS had not been made in the past ten years and the IRS had revoked our Tax ID number. We paid another \$250 to get the Tax ID reinstated. Currently the Fuqua Family Cemetery, a non-profit Corporation AKA Erwin Cemetery Association is in good standing with the IRS.

There are about 100 tombstones in the cemetery that need leveling. We have received a quote from a cemetery repair place in Bryan of 50 cents per square inch of base area to level the monuments. Maybe individual families

would like to participate together to get their family tombstones leveled. Billy Binford, John Stout, and Charlotte Moody are going in together to get eight Moody tombstones leveled.

Discussion on ideas to increase membership:

Michael Moody suggested we promote the membership dues are tax deductible as an incentive.

Families may teach their children and grand children about the importance of the care and maintenance of their loved ones and ancestors graves at the cemetery. When these children become adults they will feel and appreciate the need to keep the story continuing and to care for the cemetery. How do we contact these grand children? Please give us name and addresses so we can put on the contact list.

Buck Rogers asked if any research had been done on grants for the cemetery?

Charlotte mentioned that Ancestry.com is a good place to look for people that may have ancestors buried in the cemetery so that we could contact for membership. It appears so many descendants are not participating in the membership. Michael Moody also mentioned Find A Grave.com is a good place to look for descendants.

Laurel Stout suggested a "Donate Button" on Facebook. She said her family has a Big Family Reunion to raise money to support the cemetery.

Mike McLain said Facebook was a good place to find people with family buried at the cemetery

Trisha said silent auctions raise funds.

Michael Moody said to present Membership or gifts in a positive way on the website. Friends/ Supports may want to contribute especially if tax deductible.

We need to reflect the whole new name of the cemetery on websites.

Trish McClure mentioned using the terms "supporter or friend of cemetery".

Mike McLain suggested Life Time Memberships for \$2000. The funds will be put in a CD, which will earn about \$50 per year. Mike McLain made motion to create a Life Time Membership for \$2000 to be placed in a CD and interest used as dues. Laurel Stout seconded the motion. Michael Moody said in the 1980's several families paid lifetime memberships. The funds were put in CD's but when the other group took over the organization the CD's went to Huntsville and were never seen again. It is a heated topic for some people who thought they never

had to pay dues again. If we have lifetime memberships again, there needs to be a safety measure such as a legal document filed in the courthouse to make sure this lifetime membership is never disputed again and stay true to being transparent. Motion carried.

Mike McLain was re-elected by acclamation to serve on the board with a five-year term. His one-year term expired with this meeting.

Pat invited everyone to come out to the cemetery to see the improvements.

Mike McLain thanked John Stout for all the work he has done in handling the paperwork and organizational skills.

Motion to adjourn made by Laurel Stout and Motion seconded by Charlotte.

Meeting adjourned.

Drinks and cookies were served.

Approved by the Board: 6/19/2019

2019 Cash Flow Estimate

			Expenses					Income	Monthly Bank Balance
	Number of Mowings	Entrance Cleanup	Mowing Cost	Mailings	Annual Meeting	Repairs/Maintenance	Total Expenses	Annual Dues	\$ 9,765.00
January	1		\$ 150			\$ 500	\$ 650	\$ 340	\$ 9,455
February	1		\$ 150				\$ 150		\$ 9,305
March	1	1	\$ 170				\$ 170		\$ 9,135
April	1		\$ 150	\$ 70			\$ 220		\$ 8,915
May	2	1	\$ 320		\$ 100		\$ 420		\$ 8,495
June	1		\$ 150			\$ 250	\$ 400		\$ 8,095
July	2	1	\$ 320	\$ 70			\$ 390		\$ 7,705
August	1		\$ 150				\$ 150	\$ 2,250	\$ 9,805
September	2	1	\$ 320				\$ 320		\$ 9,485
October	1		\$ 150	\$ 35			\$ 185		\$ 9,300
November	1		\$ 150				\$ 150		\$ 9,150
December	1	1	\$ 170				\$ 170		\$ 8,980
Total	15	5	\$ 2,350	\$ 175	\$ 100	\$ 750	\$ 3,375	\$ 2,590	

Membership Required to Cover Cost

With \$45 Annual Dues	52	4	2	17	75	\$ 45
With \$50 Annual Dues	47	4	2	15	68	\$ 50
With \$60 Annual Dues	39	3	2	13	56	\$ 60