

**Minutes from CCPioneer Cemetery Commission Meeting held on Saturday,  
June 14, 2025 at the CC Genie Society Office**

Those present were Commission members: Lee Embretson, Bruce and Ellen Collins, Dave Beck and Sue Meyer. Non-members present were Myra Voss and Sarah Gunderson from Monumental Restoration.

Minutes from May meeting reviewed and approved in a unanimous motion by Ellen Collins and seconded by Sue Meyer.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bruce explained that all county dollars have been spent and that a balance of \$1,399.21 remains in the Freedom Bank Account. Fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Report approved in a unanimous motion by Dave Beck and seconded by Sue Meyer.

**Old Business:**

Barnum Cemetery discussed and reviewed. Work accomplished this past year include: agreement with the owners to allow CCPCC to designate an area of 180 X 20 feet as the cemetery. Area has been seeded and dirt to make a new driveway that is not so steep was provided by Clayton County and it was leveled off by a volunteer arranged by Chairperson Lee Embretson. Bruce Collins reviewed the sign that commission had made approximately a year ago and suggested, per request of the land owner that we add his wife's name to the sign as co-owner. It was approved by the commission to attach a small sign to the bottom of the previously made sign indicating owners wife's name and some additional info. Motion made by Sue Meyer to have new sign made, motion seconded by Ellen Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

Meenan Cemetery: New metal sign completed and installed. Invoice unanimously approved in a motion by Dave Beck and seconded by Sue Meyer. Commission all felt that this bill be submitted at the beginning of the new fiscal year -after July 1. Picture shown of the new sign and all agreed that it looks very nice. Thanks Zach Marmann for the nice job done.

Watkins Cemetery: David Beck, Ellen and Bruce Collins reported on the clean up of site and sign attached to fencing surrounding the small cemetery.

Sue Meyer reported on beginning stage of 911 signs being placed at Pioneer Cemeteries. Sue has contacted Samantha Rumph from Clayton County. Sue has been given a list of some that do exist. More info will be compiled and situation discussed more thoroughly with Samantha. Ellen gave Sue a partial list of which cemeteries are considered "Pioneer".

Review of Chinese Cemetery visit.

Commission members met at site thought to be location of the Chinese Cemetery at the last CCPCC meeting. Citizen Ed Uriell led Commission to an area thought by former Commission member Lawrence Fox to be the site of the cemetery. Sue M. discussed a conversation that she had with a nearby landowner. Some others at the site thought that this may not be the correct site so no decision was made. Another person thought it may be closer to Spook Cave land. Another area to be investigated is land owned by Todd Klingman and another spot on Tim Donlons land. It was decided that weather permitting we will try another visit on July 19, 2025. Sue Meyer will contact one landowner to secure permission to visit the area.

Review of who has what stones:

See separate list.

**New Business:**

Call received from a Susan Aulwes related to a St. John's Cemetery on Jolly Ridge Road in Jefferson Township. She was looking to get financial assistance for a cemetery project. This cemetery is not a pioneer cemetery. She was advised that we do not give financial assist to cemeteries. Ellen and Bruce visited and notes good condition of cemetery.

Discussion regarding a Clayton County 911 Rural Road Atlas that was obtained from the county and given to another county commission in the past. Ellen will investigate obtaining a current one for pioneer cemetery commission members. This would really help members to locate cemeteries.

Sara Gunderson of Monumental Restoration attended meeting and gave an update on her progress with stones removed from Barnum and Griffith Cemeteries. Lee Embretson told her and commission that he still has some stones at his farm. Sara will visit him today to observe.

Former Chairperson of the cemetery commission, Myra Voss was present, she has donated some of her cemetery files from her time as chairperson. They are to be used by Commission members, Genie members and those researching genealogy. She would like the files to remain at the Genie Society.

Stones left at the Genie Society for the CCPCC by Sara Gunderson were: Philena M. Shellito, George T., and John Pool. Stones were put in a metal cabinet donated by Myra Voss by Chairperson Lee Embretson. Others to be returned to CCPCC by

Monumental Restoration are in pieces and will be returned when they are to be placed in Barnum Cemetery. CC Genie President is aware of stones being held temporarily at the CC Genie Society office.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, July 19, 2025 for a potential visit to try and locate the Chinese Cemetery.**

**Adjournment: 10:30 AM** in a unanimous motion by Sue Meyer and seconded by Lee Embretson.