

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee: April 25, 2023

1. **Members Present:** Fr. Tony Fernando, Nicholas Podoll, Bob Lindow, Steve Hankey, Mark Carter, and Stephen Gossen. After the opening prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as written.

2. Reports

Spring Cleaning Preparation: Steve Hankey reported that the Cemetery Spring Cleaning Ads are already on social media. The local newspaper is expected to publish an article in the next week. Parishioners and non-Catholics are expected to come with their equipment; Steve and Nicholas will mow the Cemetery. A pizza lunch will be served to the participants.

Bids on Woodlawn Cemetery Road Grading: Nike Podoll is working on getting a bid to grade the main road in Woodlawn Cemetery. He will circulate the bid to the members of the committee.

Report on Sale of Cemetery Lots and Burials: During the period of Jan – April 2023, there were no Cemetery Lots sold, and no burials have taken place in either of our cemeteries.

Cemetery Finances for the Period of: July 2022 – April 2023: Fr. Tony presented to the members of the committee the financial statements of Cemetery for the period of July 2022 – April 2023.

3. New Business

3.1 **Memorial Day Mass:** In the past we have been celebrating Memorial Day Mass in Woodlawn Cemetery. It was suggested that this year's Memorial Day Mass (May 29th at 9:00 AM) could be celebrated in Lakeside Cemetery and perhaps we can consider alternating the Mass between both cemeteries.

3.2 **Lawn Mowing Bids:** We received 2 bids for Lawnmowing at Lakeside and Woodlawn cemetery. The job was awarded to Jordan Duff. His estimate for mowing is: Lakeside Nevis Cemetery: \$50 per mowing and trimming. Woodlawn Nevis Cemetery: \$ 35 for front half. An additional \$30 for the backside of the cemetery. During the low season, mowing is done twice a month. Nicholas Podoll will monitor the mowing and make requests to Mr. Duff if more mowing is needed during fast growing season.

3.3 **Progress on the Completion of Burial Registry:** We have a volunteer who is working on updating the burial Registry and Certificates in the parish office. The Cemetery Lots sold from 2020 to 2023 are updated with full information as we could reach out to the owners for more details. It will be a slow process as some of the owners' contact info is not found in the previous records.

3.4 **Suggestions for Cemetery Newsletter Summer 2023:** We are looking for ways to freshen up our spring newsletter. The members are invited to submit articles and new photos for the upcoming summer issue.

3. **Dates to Remember:** Memorial Day Mass at Lakeside Cemetery: Monday, May 29, 2023, at 9:00 AM.
Cemetery Spring Clean-up date: Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM.
Summer Decoration Removal date: Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 9:00 AM

5. **Committee Members Completing/Renewing their Term:** We are grateful to Steve Hankey and Nicholas Podoll who are gracious to renew their 2nd term as members of OLP Cemetery Committee. We thanked them for their generosity.

6. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Recorded by:

Fr. Tony