

Delaware First State Cemetery Association
April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Delaware First State Cemetery Association was held at Holy Cross Early Learning Center in Dover, Delaware on April 4, 2024. President Len Dornberger called the meeting to order at 10:41a.m. EDT.

Len introduced the three other board members in attendance: Lou Ottaviano (Vice President), Jim Frazier (Treasurer) and Mark Christian (Secretary). Those members and guests in attendance then introduced themselves. Len then asked attendees to fill out the attendance forms placed at each table.

The minutes from the last meeting on October 19, 2023, were then presented. The motion was made by Thomas Hardcastle and seconded by Tom Worley to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Jim Frazier then gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the association checking account, as of April 1, 2024, was \$3760.14. The only recent disbursement of \$25 was to pay the Annual Franchise Fee to the State of Delaware. Mr. Frazier then encouraged any guests that are not yet members to join the association.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Mark Christian, Chair of the Delaware Cemetery Board, gave a presentation explaining the registration of cemeteries in Delaware and details on the Distressed Cemetery Fund. Many of those in attendance had received grants from the Distressed Cemetery Fund over the past 14 years.

Guest speakers were Professor Heather Wholey, PHD, RPA, and Allison Magerr. Ms. Wholey is a professor and Ms. Magerr is a student at West Chester State University. The topic of the presentation was explaining how Ground Penetrating Radar, and the Global Navigation Satellite System are used to locate unmarked burials. The cemetery featured was Coopers Farm

Cemetery located in Willow Grove, Delaware. The GPR program at West Chester is Community Based Archaeology. The service is available upon specific request and is less expensive than a private company. Some resources mentioned were ARC GIS Online and DE First Map.

After answering several questions, the presentation concluded. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Christian

Attendance Roster

NAME	CEMETERY / VENDOR
Patrick Weaver	Lakeside Cemetery
Tom Worley	Presbyterian Church Dover
Jennings Hastings	Duck Creek Cemetery Group, Inc.
Carol Eagle	Ewells St. Paul United Methodist
Emmett Smith	Mt. Zion UAME Church
Richard Lewis	Old Fort UAME
Kate O'Donnell	Appoquinimink Friends, FAUCC and Zoar Church
Craig O'Donnell	Appoquinimink Friends FAUCC and Zoar Church
Mike Richards	Camden Friends Meeting
Raymond D. Pasquale	SHMP Odd Fellows
Charles Stoner	Christiana Presbyterian Cemetery
James Frazier	Barratt's Chapel Cemetery
Len Dornberger	Holy Cross Cemetery

Louis Ottaviano	Sharon Hill and Odd Fellows
Mark Christian	Delaware Cemetery Board
Wayne Burris	St. Peter's Church
Nancy Quinn	Christ Church- Dover

NAME	CEMETERY/VENDOR
Cindy Davis	Newark Union
Anne Daley	Newark Union
Charles Golt	Pencader Cemetery
Peter Servon	Friends of Coopers Farm Cemetery
Faith Kuhn	DHSS Herman Holloway Campus Cemeteries
Jason Casper	Wilmington Cemetery Solutions
Heather D. Ennis	Old Drawyers
Grier Stayton	Staytonville Cemetery
Marian Hudson	Lakeside and North Street Cemetery
Janie Miller	Union Wesley UM Cemetery
Carmen Hardcastle	Whatcoat Cemetery
David H. Wall	Coolspring Presbyterian Cemetery
Dinah Hall	Coolspring Presbyterian Cemetery
Tara Kee	Hockessin Friends Meeting