

The following are the highlights of the March 30, 2022 cemetery weekly meeting:

**Date:** March 30, 2022

**Time:** 10 AM.

**Attendees:** Karen Piacenta, Jeff Rudolph, Meyer Frankel, Joyce Flescher, Alan Goodman

**Topics:**

**1. Cemetery Committee Meetings should be held weekly and monthly:**

**.Weekly Zoom Meetings** will be held on every Wednesday of the month at 10 AM where one weekly meeting will be held at the Synagogue (with masks) on the second Wednesday of the month. **Note:** Weekly cemetery meetings will have a **maximum of 5 attendees.**

**.Monthly Cemetery Zoom Meetings** will be held quarterly on the third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 PM

**2. The cemetery vault: The cement encasement that encloses the coffin:**

**The cover of the cemetery vault should have the name of the deceased.** This should be the standard at the Emanuel Cemetery.

**Note:** Also, we had thought that cemetery vaults come in one size and in one color (cement color). We recently learned that cemetery vaults can come in multiple sizes and multiple colors.

**3. The Emanuel's meeting with the Jewish Community Federation (JCF) March 23, 2022:**

**Attendees:** Michael Kamins, Ken Simon, Mickey Libbin, Alan Goodman, Meyer Frankel and JCF's Kathryn Gonnerman:

**Meeting's Objective:** To see if JCF should manage the Emanuel Cemetery investments and some of Emanuel Synagogue's investments.

The meeting's attendees decided that the Cemetery Committee must first review and then approve this proposal.

At the next Cemetery monthly meeting, we will invite JCF's Kathryn Gonnerman as a guest speaker.

**4. Power washing cemetery monuments.**

**Moss is growing on the cemetery's monuments and things are starting to look ugly.** Karen is working with US Cemetery and planning to power wash the cemetery's monuments by cemetery sections.

Beth Hillel's Alan Goodman is also looking to power wash their cemetery monuments and is working with another company that may be a lot cheaper than US Cemetery, LLC. Alan will contact Karen on his findings (costs of power washing) with this company.

**Note:** The Emanuel Cemetery does not have a water source for power washing monuments.

**Note:** It is estimated that the Emanuel Cemetery could have over 1,000 monuments that need power washing. The **cost estimates for power washing is \$40 per monument, total cost = \$40,000.**

**5. US Cemetery, LLC:**

-Emanuel Cemetery personnel should continue to meet with US Cemetery personnel on a quarterly basis at their Newington office (See meeting minutes email 03-10-2022).

-It was stated that it is a concern that the US Cemetery, LLC is the only qualified Jewish cemetery caretaker in the Hartford area. **Note:** This was verified by The Weinstein Mortuary.

-Plan to meet to finalize our new 3 year contract with US Cemetery, LLC (Due on July 1, 2022).

**6. Other topics discussed at this Cemetery Weekly meeting:**

-Research into the feasibility (cost and effort) to have **Holocaust Emblems** placed on the monuments of holocaust survivors.

-Research into the feasibility (cost and effort) to have **Veteran Emblems** and/or **US Flags** placed on or near the monuments of US War Veterans.

-This meeting attendees agreed that all **cemetery's outside garbage cans should be removed.**

**Note:** People who attend our funerals and visit our cemetery, place left-over food into the garbage cans and animals come and pull this food out and a mess is made.

Respectfully submitted,

Meyer Frankel,

Cemetery Committee Chairperson