

JEWISH COMMUNITY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Sunday, January 25, 1953

Minutes

The Jewish Community Cemetery Association meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, 1953 at 10 A. M. in the Federation office, 100 East Seventh St. Mr. I. B. Finkelstein presided and the following Committee members were present: Messrs: J. A. Chester, Herbert L. Cobin, Samuel Keil, Nathan P. Michlin, Charles Schnitzer (replacing Joseph Braiger of Temple Beth Shalom), Henry Schultz, Abe Schulman, Benj. Stolper, Jacob Balick, guest, newly elected president of the Moses Montefiore Society, and A. Roke Lieberman.

The Chairman stated a letter had been received from Moses Montefiore Society requesting that its previous notice of withdrawal be rescinded as it is willing to continue as a member of the Cemetery Association.

Discussion ensued in which it was pointed out that pursuant to action of the Board of Directors at the last meeting, a letter had been sent Moses Montefiore advising it that unless it paid the bill of \$2,000.00 by this meeting, January 25, 1953, it would be deemed that Moses Montefiore was no longer a member of the Cemetery Association. Mr. Michlin raised various questions with respect to the by-law, etc. Mr. Balick and Mr. Michlin both said that Moses Montefiore seeks to remain as a member of the Association but it wanted its status defined as to the use of the land.

Mr. Cobin stated that he had appeared before a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Adas Kodesch Congregation and Chesed Shel Emeth Congregation and both Boards of Directors had unanimously approved a resolution approving everything which had been done by the Cemetery Association and instructing their representatives to the Association to continue to make plans for and develop the cemetery grounds, to establish rules and regulations, a perpetual care fund, a maintenance fund, and to operate the cemetery with certain areas to be designated for the use of each member for burial purposes. Each member to solicit or dispose of the burial rights in its own designated area subject to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery Association. The entire Board of Directors agreed that this was the procedure to be followed and the Chairman requested Messrs. Balick and Michlin to convey to Moses Montefiore the procedure agreed to be followed.

During the course of the meeting it was suggested that perhaps Moses Montefiore and Workmen's Circle might have their designated area in the 1.8 acre piece of new ground located next to their present sites and since they were not in need of immediate burial space they would not need to participate in the expense of developing the area north of the present site but that the Cemetery Association in later years would develop the area in the 1.8 acre location for Moses Montefiore and Workmen's Circle, they contributing as their needs arose. The Workmen's Circle representative thought his organization would welcome such an arrangement. The matter was to be considered further by Moses Montefiore.

The minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of January 18, 1953, at which time the Committee met with Mr. Van Demark, a representative of the Van Demark & Lynch surveying firm, were approved as read.

Mr. Samuel Keil, reporting for the Planning and Development Committee, stated that Mr. Van Demark had advised him by telephone in accordance with the request of the meeting of January 18, that the approximate cost for the survey of the cemetery would be in the neighborhood of \$1,200 to \$1,500, exclusive of the marking of the graves.

Mr. Chester moved that the Chairman be instructed to advise the firm of Van Demark & Lynch to proceed with the survey. This was seconded by Mr. Stolper and amended to read that Mr. Van Demark also tender the Cemetery Association with an approximate cost for the completion of the cemetery. The amended motion was approved.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Michlin and Mr. Schnitzer to also serve on the Planning and Development Committee. The present Chairman, Mr. Keil, advised the Cemetery Association that he will be vacationing for several months and requested an alternate be appointed in case meetings are held in his absence. The Chairman appointed Mr. J. A. Chester to serve as Chairman for Mr. Keil until he returns. As a matter of record, the Committee therefore consists of Samuel Keil, Chairman, J. A. Chester, alternate Chairman; Messrs. Nathan P. Michlin, Charles Schnitzer, Louis Platensky, Abe Shulman.

Mr. Michlin requested that a committee be appointed to review and revise the by-laws of the Cemetery Association. The Chairman accordingly appointed Mr. Michlin to be Chairman of this committee.

The Chairman also advised Mr. Michlin to notify the Moses Montefiore that his organization have a definite answer or make a definite payment to the Cemetery Association by February 10, 1953.

Mr. Cobin urged Mr. Balick to study the draft of Rules and Regulations and that any suggestions would be welcomed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.