For seven years, a stalwart group, led by CPMBS Director Candy Warden, has cleaned up and maintained an historic cemetery in Elkridge, in eastern Howard County. The group incorporated last year as Rosa Bonheur Society, Inc. Recent developments have led to increasing concerns about the future of this unique and beautiful place where pets and their owners rest side by side.

This summer, during a comprehensive rezoning, the Howard County Council dramatically increased the density of this property without ensuring that the cemetery will be properly preserved. A developer and his agent have somehow convinced the County that all is fine, although no plan has been put forward to appropriately treat the property, the plot owners, the remains of pets and humans buried here, and the community that treasures this sacred place.

Built on the site of a former camp meeting and railroad-inspired residential development, the pet cemetery was named for a French woman noted for her love and paintings of animals. In 1937 Edward Gross and Abraham Watner assigned the property to Rosa Bonheur Memorial, Inc. From 1948 to 1978 it was under the caring ownership of Howard and Grace Potee. Over decades, many humans chose to be buried with their beloved pets, and for most of the 20th century the landscaped grounds were maintained and decorated with sculptures, grave markers, and personal mementoes.

The situation changed after the death of Mr. Potee. In 1978 the property was conveyed to William A. Green, who allowed the cemetery to deteriorate while misusing its assets. In
the 1990s and into the following decade, both Howard County and the Maryland General Assembly passed laws to protect cemeteries with human burials, but Rosa Bonheur was always considered primarily a pet cemetery and therefore not covered. The Howard County Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board, formed in 1993, listed Rosa Bonheur on its inventory of cemeteries.

In the 1990s, the cemetery experienced a loan default and several successive owners. By 2002 the new owner announced that no remains would be accepted for burial. Since then, the caretaker’s house has often been occupied but no maintenance of the grounds has been provided. The current owner is planning to develop the cemetery, along with adjacent property, for high density, mixed use with garage and surface parking. This large area was recently rezoned in the comprehensive action by the Howard County Council.

A public rally was scheduled for October 13th to call attention to this unconscionable situation. Citizens and group representatives, including the Rosa Bonheur Society, Eternal Justice, Howard County civic groups, and CPMBS, are currently considering options for action. These people are committed to protecting and preserving historic Rosa Bonheur Memorial Park now and for future generations.

Eileen McGuckian

**Editors’ Corner**

We are always complaining about how quickly time flies. We can’t believe the summer is already over, although when we began to assemble this issue the temperatures were hovering around 88.

Rosa Bonheur Memorial Park is facing rezoning issues and an owner planning development. The report begins on page 1.

We would like to thank Eileen McGuckian, Amanda Becker, Gary Kraske, Kristin Kraske, Melvin Mason, Tina Simmons, Pam Goffinet, Robert Mosko, Ed Taylor, and Pat Warner for their contributions to this issue.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

(DRAFT) Approved:________

Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.

Board of Directors - Quarterly Meeting

September 21, 2013

The President called the quarterly meeting of the Coalition to order at 2:45 p.m. on September 21, 2013 at the Miller Library in Ellicott City, Maryland. There was a quorum. Those present at the meeting were:

**Officers:** President Eileen McGuckian, Vice President for Legislative Affairs John Higgins, Secretary Patrick Warner, and Treasurer Gary Kraske

**Directors:** The officer/directors named above plus Barbara Kraske, Kristin Kraske, James Lanier, Paul Miller, Robert Mosko, and Candy Warden

**Members and Guests:** Dave Mills, Les Town, and Stephanie Town.

**Excused:** Vice President Edward Taylor and Directors Melvin Mason and Thomas Mason.

**Secretary’s Report:** John Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 1, 2013 as presented. The motion to approve was seconded by Robert Mosko and the draft of the minutes of the June 1st meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Gary Kraske presented the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2013. The report showed a “Total Est. Worth as of 8/31/13” of $14,285.13 including a “Est. Susque. Bank CD” of $1,213.49. (See attached report). [Note: Not provided for the Courier.]

Treasurer Kraske confirmed that our fiscal year begins January 1st and ends December 31st. In response to a question from President McGuckian, Treasurer Kraske said that the expenses incurred in producing and mailing each Coalition Courier quarterly is $2.00 per newsletter.
President McGuckian announced that she has been informed by an attorney representing the Estate of James R. Trader that Mr. Trader directed in his will that 10% of the residual in his estate go to the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. Mr. Trader is a past president and director of the Coalition. The amount to be received is expected to be in the range of $10,000.00 to $15,000.00, and the funds may arrive before December 31, 2013.

In response to the discussion about the possible uses of the funds from the Trader Estate and in response to President McGuckian’s desire for an emergency response fund to have when needed, Patrick Warner made a motion to establish a separate “James R. Trader Fund” under the control of the treasurer. John Higgins seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and the motion passed by a vote of 9 to 1. The directors agreed that the verbiage regarding the use and purpose of the “James R. Trader Fund” must be written and approved, and that this will appear on a future Board of Directors meeting agenda under “Unfinished Business”. The $100.00 donation received earlier this year for an emergency response fund will begin the account.

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Chairperson Kristin Kraske reported that, as of this meeting, the Coalition has 71 members and that efforts are being made to contact the 19 members who did not pay their dues for renewal. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of grace period to be allowed before a membership is cancelled. A motion was made by John Higgins and seconded by Robert Mosko to extend the grace period for 12 months. A member in default would receive the Coalition Courier but not be allowed to vote at the annual meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Outreach: President McGuckian commented that the Outreach Committee is performing excellent service, but needs assistance from other CPMBS members. She read the report from Diane Nesmeyer regarding the meeting of the committee on August 4th. The committee has created a comprehensive checklist to be used when visiting a cemetery. In addition, the products of the Outreach Committee include the pamphlets and rack cards to inform the public about proper cemetery care and restoration. Dave Mills volunteered to serve on the committee. Discussion also ensued regarding increasing the public visibility of our organization and it was agreed to print more copies of the Courier and to enlarge the mailing list.

President McGuckian led a discussion to nominate Historic Maryland Cemeteries to 2014 Endangered Maryland list. Discussion ensued regarding the advisability of listing endangered cemeteries on the Preservation Maryland list and the directors voted 5 to 3 to nominate the cemeteries. President McGuckian will draft the nomination and send it around to board members for review and comment.

New Business:

Rosa Bonheur Cemetery – Director Candy Warden reported on the effort in Howard County to rezone the 7.8 acre Rosa Bonheur Cemetery in Elkridge to “TOD (Transit Oriented Development) intended for development of multi-use centers combining office and high-density residential use”. The cemetery would be reduced to 1.5 acres when in the new development. The last minute verbiage in the re-zoning calls for the possible distribution of human waste on the cemetery land. An attorney has been contacted and a meeting will be held on October 2nd in Ellicott City to plan strategy. In addition, a protest rally is being planned for October 5th at the cemetery. There was a consensus among the directors that CPMBS be an active participant in an effort to protect and save the Rosa Bonheur Cemetery.
The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held on either November 9th or 16th. The January meeting will be held on either January 11th or 18th.

Treasurer Kraske recommended that we set firm meeting dates in advance. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
J. Patrick Warner, Secretary

News Form the Counties

Allegany County

Over the past several years the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization has made a point to promote true U.S. history. The group has done this by providing educational brochures, building information monuments, and providing cemetery tours. During the month of October the CHCO will be offering to the public free tours of historic Pollock Cemetery. Out of the eleven adopted cemeteries of the CHCO this site is very unique. It is located 100 feet from the C&O Canal in an area known as River Road in the Mexico Farms area just south of Cumberland. It is Allegany County’s most interesting Confederate cemetery. The site was restored in 2001 and is maintained by the CHCO. Several monuments have been erected at this site, one being that of James Pollock a Confederate soldier and his sister Sallie Pollock a Confederate spy during the war. Of the rural cemeteries that have been adopted by the CHCO, this site is the most well known in western Maryland among the interesting country cemeteries. On October 12 and 19 members will provide free tours of this site from 12 noon until 4PM. For more information call (301) 722-4624 or visit our web site http://www.chco-online.org.

On Saturday, November 2, All Souls’ Day the CHCO will hold prayer services for the deceased and a brief cemetery tour of two of their adopted cemeteries, the Flintstone Episcopal Cemetery, Burley’s Branch Road, Flintstone, Maryland and the Bucy Cemetery, Town Creek Road, near Flintstone, Maryland. Public is welcome for the event beginning at 2PM.
Edward Taylor, Jr.

Speaker Earl H. Kepler, chairman of the Southern Party of Maryland addresses gathering at Pollock Monument Ceremony, August 2013

Allegany County Inquiry

In 1895 a “Women’s Service Committee” led the establishment of a Union Plot for the collected remains of about thirty soldiers who, for many and varied reasons, had been buried in this area following death in hospitals in the Western MD area or in actions requiring field burials. The committee members are identified at the site with a good quality stone and the only Union Sentry in bronze in our area. Celebrated by a community event, the local paper carried the name of EVERY Union soldier resting in Rose Hill. The list makes it very difficult to verify names and units at this site because stones (which clearly listed names and units when I returned from Army in 1946) either acid rainfall or some other harmful substance has ruined the names and Unit ID on nearly all Headstones. We think a substandard contractor or some bad judgment caused this, since other government issue headstones in the same cemetery are readable although of much earlier origin. No one among vets groups has found a photo of the overall plot. Our local Civil War Round Table has a goal of placing all missing data from these headstones on a permanent plaque or finding a source of funds for a ledger type stone of good quality...
because the 1895 individual stone will soon be of no value. As a longtime member of our local cemetery group, I recently joined as a Coalition member. Perhaps an appeal through your Courier might bring forth knowledge of an historical news article about the 1895 event that we are unaware of. The Rose Hill records prior to 1898 were completely destroyed in a fire at caretakers residence. Research is not a major skill with me but pointing us to possible overlooked sources would be greatly helpful.

Any suggestions for our guidance on this would be gratefully accepted.

You may know members likely to advise me, but your e-mail as a way to reach interested folks is my reason for directing this to the Editorial Staff.

Many thanks,

Thomas Conlon

[Editors’ Note: I have completed some research and found that the Woman’s Relief Corps - Auxiliary of Tyler Post No. 5 of Cumberland (GAR) was the group partially responsible for the placement of the Union Soldier Monument to which Mr. Conlon refers. I found a reference to the memorial but the encampment books for the Woman’s Relief Corps do not list the names of the 30 Union soldiers that are buried at Rose Hill. I also contacted a Maryland researcher and she provided Mr. Conlon a list of resources to check including a link to search for the Records of Headstones of Deceased Union Veterans, 1879 to 1903 online. If anyone has additional information that may help Mr. Conlon please do not hesitate to send your information and we will be happy to forward any suggestions directly to Mr. Conlon.]

Baltimore County News

The Outreach Committee received a query via the Office of Cemetery Oversight regarding the Westview Memorial Park in Catonsville.

The correspondent was seeking answers to two questions: the first being the location of the grave of a relative; and secondly the reason for the deplorable condition of the cemetery.

In an effort to answer the second question and as a result the first, the Committee’s research could find little useful information on the current status and ownership of the cemetery. The previous owners were churches and the current owner of record lives in California. We were unable to contact him. There are indications that the ground may be for sale but not as a cemetery.

The cemetery now appears as a garden type cemetery with flat markers. A few upright markers were found laying down. It is rumored that many of the markers were removed prior to the attempt to sell the property. Most of which are either sunken into the ground or in the process of sinking. A few recent markers are evident and they too will sink eventually. A majority of the existing markers are dated in the 70s and 80s. The most recent burial is dated 2007.

In the center of the cemetery is a rather large statue of Jesus dated 1959.

The graves are visited and recently placed flowers and flags are evident.

The grounds look, from a distance, to be a verdant playing field, upon closer inspection an undulating grid of depressions and sink holes making the site very dangerous to walk.

The gate house is in a dilapidated state and littered with trash. The crematorium retort is still in place. Several markers were piled up next to the gate house in the bushes.

The grounds themselves were recently groomed, the nursing home next door has been cutting the grass and removing large pieces of fallen trees.

Without further contact with the owners and/or caretakers, not much can be done.

A warning to anyone wishing to visit the site: be careful. The ground is treacherous and the building is unsafe.

Melvin Mason
Charles County

The Coalition received a query regarding the Stoddert Family Cemetery in the Bryans Road section of Charles County. The correspondent indicated that this historically significant eighteenth century cemetery was at one time taken care of by the local community, the United States Navy, and the Historical Society but due to neglect and persistent vandalism had fallen into further neglect and apparent abandonment.

Members of the Outreach Committee visited the site and found it to be overgrown with tree and bush growth and well hidden from the road. A quick walk around the perimeter indicated that the area is in use as a place for hanging out. The surrounding area is littered with trash and yard waste and the tell tale signs of recreational drug use was evident (little blue zip lock bags).

The burial ground itself, although obscured by the over growth, exhibited recent use and long ago destruction of the markers. Only a handful of markers were visible and those were in pieces. Few of the markers appeared to have enough pieces left to reassemble the markers. Several ledger stones were left in multiple pieces but large enough to reassemble. Very little of the inscriptions visible are complete enough to transcribe a full inscription.

A representative of the homeowners’ association met up with the committee and explained a little about past efforts to maintain the burial ground. Little could be done due to the vandalism and abuse. The Association would be willing to assist in a cleanup and future care if a group is formed specifically to oversee the site.

The committee recommended that a friends’ group be formed and funds be raised to fence in the site and an inventory and rescue be mounted. The suggestion was given with the caveat that there be provisions and funding made for the future care of the site, otherwise it may be better to be left alone to be protected by the overgrowth.

John Stoddert was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and a U.S. Representative from Maryland. He served in the War of 1812.

Melvin Mason

Outreach Committee Report

Tom Mason, Melvin Mason, Jeff Nesmeyer and Diane Nesmeyer of the Outreach Committee met on August 4, 2013, at the Silver Spring Masonic Lodge. We finished the tri-fold board and set up the Outreach table as the members would at an outreach event.

The group discussed some additional items that are still needed for the Outreach Kit. We continued working on the language for the Boy Scout Guide. We agreed that the Guide should not be written only for Eagle Scout projects. The title is now, “Guide for Community Service Projects in Cemeteries” and will encompass community service projects, high school community service, as well as Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects.

We created a site evaluation checklist that members can use when they go out to a burial site in response to a complaint/inquiry that is received by the Coalition. Tom and Melvin Mason had an opportunity to use and refine the worksheet as they have visited two sites as a result of inquiries made to the Coalition. Their reports can be found on page 5.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer, on behalf of the Committee sent 55 letters to historical and genealogical societies in the state offering one complimentary copy of the Guide for their organization. To date, the Committee has mailed 21 copies to those organizations responding to our offer. There were 26 letters sent to the public libraries within the state. A total of 8 libraries responded and 15 Guides were mailed.

Gary and Kristin Kraske and Amanda Becker attended Hands on History Day at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The report and pictures can be found beginning on page 7. Eileen McGuckian and John Higgins appeared on behalf of the Coalition at the Happy Birthday Montgomery County
celebration. A report and pictures can be found beginning on page 7. Jeff and I helped at the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society’s Inscription Days at the Crownsville Military Veterans Cemetery in early August.

The Board approved the design and language for the Coalition’s rack card. The rack card is 4 by 9 inches in size and contains information about the Coalition. We had 750 cards printed and they will be left in areas such as libraries, historical societies and museums where there is foot traffic by like-minded individuals. The rack card will be reprinted in a future issue of the Courier. 

Diane Nesmeyer

**Hands On History Day**

Amanda Becker and Kristin Kraske

August 7th, 2013 was Hands on History Day at the Howard County Fair. Gerhardt Kraske, Kristin Kraske and Amanda Becker shared the Coalition’s outreach message to visitors for six hours. History oriented groups such as the Benjamin Banneker Museum, Weavers Guild of MD and Whipps Cemetery organization showcased their activities with visitors young and mature alike. Much discussion was generated with members of the various groups there. The new tri-board created by the Outreach Committee was displayed and created interest. A demonstration on gravestone rubbing and some of the Ravens Roost wares were placed on our exhibit table. Information on becoming a member and past Couriers also added to the display. It was nice to visit with other preservation groups and to be energized and ready to continue our work preserving Maryland cemeteries.

Amanda Becker

**Happy Birthday Montgomery County**

Coalition members helped Montgomery County celebrate its 237th birthday on Sunday, September 8 at Beall-Dawson Historical Park in Rockville.

Representatives from the Coalition -- with the Higgins Cemetery, Rockville Cemetery, and Monocacy Cemetery Associations -- greeted the public at tables with exhibits, information, and hand-outs at this popular outdoor event.

Under the big tent, Glenn Wallace spoke to a fascinated audience about his work documenting historic Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville. Jug band
music, reenactors, kids games, and archeology tables of local history and related groups, and of course birthday cake rounded out the afternoon. Montgomery County was formed on September 6, 1776, and Happy Birthday is organized annually by the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Eileen McGuckian

Tombstone Tales

Many of you know that I work for Mosko Cemetery Monument Services and spend considerable time in cemeteries as a benefit of the job. This past year we have been to cemeteries in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Northern Frederick County, Maryland and into southern Pennsylvania are places where we have found many German tombstones. These stones are mostly made using slate, sandstones, brownstone or schist.

When visiting a cemetery I know that each person interred there is important. It does not matter that they were a pauper or a king – it is the tombstones that tell us differently. Though a secret I must admit I do have my favorite monuments in cemeteries. One such monument I have found is in the Apples United Church of Christ cemetery in Thurmont, Maryland – site of our 20th Annual Meeting in 2011. The day of our event it rained, it poured and then it rained a bit more and we were not able to visit in the soggy cemetery. I have been back many times and worked with Robert Mosko and other volunteers in this cemetery.

Behind the church near the middle back of the cemetery is a brownstone tablet with a cherub-like motif. The cherub is a relief sculpture that protrudes about two inches. It is highly carved. I have to admit that I have fallen deeply in love with this stone. The cherub looks pensive and seems as if it is about to speak with a soft little voice. I needed to help this stone. It was leaning from age and was a bit crooked. The left side of the brownstone from top to bottom was missing. Perhaps we could find the missing piece if we righted the stone. There might be more lettering or the motif could be larger if we brought the stone up. All tombstone thoughts raced through my mind. I convinced Robert that I could reset this stone. Did I tell you I and have no muscle strength? This stone is small and I could do this. Really, I could.

At the end of one summer day after working on other stones in the cemetery that needed more immediate attention I (I mean we) reset the little cherub.

We did not find any remnants of the side of his stone. Even when we made the stone straight it still looked crooked. Then the doubts of why should we have righted this stone came to mind. Did we change its individuality and overall design
of the cemetery? Did it really matter in the scheme of life or cemetery life? Robert the conservator told me that resetting the stone did make a difference. The little cherub’s stone was crooked and sunken and this fix would prolong the life of the stone and little cherub as well.

Now the question remains of who was the person interred here and who created this beautiful piece of sculpture? I am still trying to find out and I need you your help. There are no other stones in this cemetery with this motif or created by the same artistic hand that I have found. The words and dates that I have found are, In Memory of [?] Frey, 1784 and 2 Feb and various other letters – are also found on different places of the stone. I believe the deceased could be German. I tried translating the language from German to English by using translation services on the Internet. I had no success. My small cherub friend has made me ponder his creation and story. I have tried various methods for reading stones – mirrors, photos, reading it at different times of the day and I have come to the conclusion that I need glasses or my friend, Cherub, just wants me to stick around and find the answers to his grave questions. Now, I do believe he is happier today after his “makeover” as he is getting attention. I think he even winked at me!

(Amanda Becker is still trying to find out about this stone. One can visit at 7908 Apples Church Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 and contact Amanda acedgehill@hotmail.com with your findings for future articles. Robert believes her obsession with little cherub stems from her not helping with physical labor in cemeteries... Amanda does not agree.)

Amanda Becker

Conservation

Those little streaks, scrapes and scratches

Contrary to popular belief, the number one cause of damage to cemetery gravestones as well as to cemeteries in general is not vandalism... it is maintenance. Routine cemetery maintenance causes more damage to cemeteries and gravestones than vandalism, wild life activity, and storms combined. This conclusion is determined based entirely on frequency of occurrence.

Cemetery maintenance is conducted on a regularly scheduled basis; usually eight months out of the year whereas vandalism, wild life activity, and storms are far more sporadic. In most cases, maintenance is performed so aggressively, that it could practically be considered vandalism.

When one considers cemetery maintenance, the grass and weeds are often the primary consideration and nothing more. There are three types of companies that are generally considered for cemetery maintenance: lawn services; landscapers; and grounds/property management/maintenance. Lawns services are generally the cheapest, landscapers charge a bit more, and property/grounds maintenance companies as the most expensive. Regardless, these companies work in volume. The more “lawns” they cut, the more money that make. This means that time is money. The quicker they complete one job, the sooner they can move to the next one.

The development of modern mowing equipment helps them to complete the job quickly. Riding mowers have been developed to perform at speeds of 15 mph, turn within a zero radius, clutch less reverse, have the ability to cut wet grass up to eight inches tall, and can have up to eight cutting blades. This means these newer machines have more protruding parts to maintain balance, larger tires, and they are not as narrow as your typical riding lawn tractor.

Not only do grounds crews use the speed of their equipment to help them save time on a job site, they also use technique. Most common is the use of their riding equipment to lessen the amount of time trimming around gravestones. By cutting as close to the stones as they can they reduce the amount of time spent trimming around the stones. What it does not save is the stone. This practice results in the streaks, scrapes, scratches, chips, cracks, and in some cases, breaks along the lower base or face of the stone from contact with
the protruding metal parts of the self propelled riding equipment.

Cemetery conservators and others familiar with maintenance of cemeteries are recommending that padding, such as swimming pool noodles, be placed/attached onto these protruding metal parts to pad and protect the stones from such damage. This is not a very practical solution and one that I have never seen put into practice. Duct tape has often been suggested but even the tape does not provide adequate protection. Ultimately, the only solution that is practical enough to prevent such damage is **accountability**. The management or group responsible for the cemetery must be attentive to the activities undertaken by these maintenance companies, they must take seasonal photographs, and they must confront those responsible for the damage. It comes down to awareness. Once maintenance crews are aware that they are being watched and regulated, damage decreases. Vigilance may also have other outcomes. Once “visitors” are aware that the cemetery is being watched, illicit activity, such as loitering, decreases. Once the cemetery is watched in general, other damage, more costly damage such as fallen stones, decreases. Awareness is the key to damage prevention.

Robert Mosko, Chief Conservator, Mosko Cemetery Monument Services

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**Welcome to Our Newest Member**

David Conway of Howard County

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**Announcements**

**Request from Author of Mapping & Documenting Cemeteries**

Pamela Goffinet is working on a 2nd edition of her book, Mapping & Documenting Cemeteries. If you have used the book and have any thoughts on additions or clarifications, please contact her at pam-map@zoominternet.net.

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**Cemetery Disaster Planning**

Does your cemetery have a disaster plan? The Chicora Foundation has available, for FREE, a 28-page pamphlet regarding disaster planning for cemeteries. The link is: [http://www.chicora.org/pdfs/Cemetery%20Disaster%20Planning.pdf](http://www.chicora.org/pdfs/Cemetery%20Disaster%20Planning.pdf)

**Coalition Board establishes James R. Trader Fund**

At its meeting on September 21, the Board of Directors voted to create a new fund that will enable the Coalition to better respond to emergency situations and assist those who are working to protect and preserve historic Maryland cemeteries. Seeded by two recent donations and named for former president Jim Trader, the next step is to draft a mission statement and basic guidelines about how this will work. Contact Eileen McGuckian at pres@cpmbs.org to volunteer to get this off the ground this year.

**Your Help Needed**

Help develop guidelines for the new James R. Trader fund (see Sept. 21 minutes)

Provide examples of endangered Maryland cemeteries for nomination to Preservation Maryland

Begin to plan the 2014 annual meeting (held in spring 2014).

Nominate deserving people and projects for 2014 Periwinkle Awards and/or serve on the Periwinkle Awards Committee.

Contact Eileen McGuckian at pres@cpmbs.org

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St. Francis at Rosa Bonheur Memorial Park
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The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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### Mission Statement
The mission of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites is to promote the preservation and protection of the burial sites, cemeteries, and grave yards in Maryland.

### Coalition Objectives
The Coalition, through its members in each county, hopes to reach out to all areas of the state to:
- Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.
- Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.
- Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.
- Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites—Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.
- Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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Board meetings are held quarterly and scheduled by the President. Meetings are first posted on the Coalition’s Web Site and announced in the issue of the Courier published just prior to the meeting. The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

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