



Summer 2020

We find ourselves in such strange times amid a Covid-19 pandemic that is creating uncertainty in so many aspects of our lives. If you, like many of us, are spending more time at home because of sheltering in place and travel restrictions, this is an excellent time to review your important documents to be sure everything is in order. Do your family members know where to find your important documents? Have you shared your end of life wishes with them? Do they know that you are a member of CCMS and that you have a designated mortuary to take care of your arrangements? Is your paperwork with your mortuary in order? Now is an excellent time to get organized.

Minutes of February 15, 2020 Annual Meeting ***By Judy Cardwell, Secretary***

Meeting held at Unitarian Universalist Church of San Luis Obispo. Prior to the 2:00 pm business meeting, Jennifer Parks from McDermott-Crockett Mortuary in Santa Barbara met with members who had questions and concerns about their coverage. Because Wheeler-Smith did not renew their contract with CCMS, many members were confused about what they should do. Jennifer was able to answer their questions and assure them that they could re-enroll with McDermott-Crockett if they wanted/needed to.

At 2:00 pm Marylou Gooden, Board President, called the meeting to order and introduced the Board of Directors. Present were Jean Asher, Bev Shannon, and Judy Cardwell. Absent were Elaine Sherr, Susan Heineman and Debbie Wettlaufer.

Marylou stated that Jean Asher and Judy Cardwell would be willing to serve another 3 year term and requested a motion to renew their board member status. The motion was made and seconded and passed.

Marylou explained the loss off Wheeler-Smith as a provider for us and stated that we still have Moreno Mortuary of Santa Maria and McDermott-Crockett of Santa Barbara as mortuaries with whom we have contracts.

She asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Funeral Consumer Alliance for the state of California. She said this is a good time to update your pre-paid plan if you have one and to be aware that at the time of the funeral there may be taxes and fees for permits that are not part of the price listed. We are looking for a newsletter editor as well as board members. We accept donations which help with operating expenses and we also can give talks about CCMS to groups who express an interest.

The meeting ended at 2:20 pm and adjourned to the Sanctuary where Dr. Susan Robinson talked about Planning for a Good Death and provided informative materials from Compassion and Choices. The meeting concluded after questions from the audience.

*Like most not-for-profit organizations, donations have declined dramatically since March.
Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted.
A return envelope is included with this newsletter.*

Important Information/ Reminders

- ~ *Spread the word:* tell your friends and family about CCMS. We are glad to send out information packets to anyone who contacts us. Please call (805)543-6133 or email cencstmemsoc@gmail.com.
- ~ *Calls to Update Membership List:* We are in the process of updating our records. You may receive a call from a CCMS board member to verify your information. If you know of members who have died or moved, please contact our office, (805)543-6133.
- ~ *Board Members Needed:* Interested in supporting the society by serving on the CCMS board? We have room for more volunteers. Please call (805)543-6133 or email cencstmemsoc@gmail.com and we will contact you with more information.
- ~ *Newsletter Editor Opportunity:* we need a newsletter editor willing to produce two newsletters a year. Please call (805)543-6133 or email cencstmemsoc@gmail.com for details.
- ~ *Keep in Touch:* Moved or moving? Please call (805)543-6133 to keep us updated.
- ~ *Email?* To receive this newsletter electronically and help CCMS manage costs, please send your email address to cencstmemsoc@gmail.com

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Contact Information for our partner mortuaries

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