

**FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE OF
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2008 ANNUAL MEETING, Sunday, April 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Doug Barnshaw at the Central Library, Springfield, MA. Board members in attendance were Doug Barnshaw,, Carol Coan, John Fatherley, Cecilia Lewonchuk, Eileen Pratt, & Will Thayer.

Doug Barnshaw gave the opening remarks.

Minutes: The minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting were summarized. John Fatherley moved and Doug Barnshaw seconded the minutes be approved. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Will Thayer reported a checking account balance of \$750. John Fatherley moved and Doug Barnshaw seconded the report be accepted. Unanimous.

Expo: Ceil Lewonchuk reported on our booth at the Life Enrichment Expo at the Basketball Hall of Fame April 17. One hundred seventy seven (177) packets of literature were handed out. Due to the \$300 expense of renting the booth, we need to consider our treasury in deciding whether or not to participate in the 2009 Expo. If we do participate, we should try to secure a location conducive with the natural flow of people moving to the right and also consider having a wheel people can spin.

Nomination & Election of Trustees:

John Fatherley moved and Doug Barnshaw seconded to accept the following roster as a whole. Unanimous.

<u>Continuing for One Year Term</u>	1. John Fatherley 2. Ceil Lewonchuk 3. Eileen Pratt	Chicopee Springfield Springfield
<u>Continuing for Two Year Term</u>	1. Doug Barnshaw 2. Carol Coan	Springfield Greenfield
<u>Elected For A Three Year Term</u>	1. Will Thayer	Springfield

Nomination & Election of Officers:

John Fatherley moved and Ceil Lewonchuk seconded the following be elected. Unanimous

President	
Vice President	Douglas Barnshaw
Secretary	Eileen Pratt
Treasurer	Will Thayer

John Fatherley moved and Ceil Lewonchuk seconded the business meeting be adjourned. Unanimously. Adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

John Fatherley gave a review of the books CHOOSING YOUR PATH and GRAVE MATTERS.

Carol Coan reported on her staffing a green burial booth at a Greenfield fair April 19.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Andrew Sexton, Hampden County Medical Center speaking on the role of the medical examiner. He will get back to us with answers to the questions about the 48-hour rule and releasing the body to next of kin for a home or green burial.