



## Harlan Cemetery Foundation grants \$40,000 toward road improvements in the Harlan Cemetery

**HARLAN** - The eight-member Harlan Cemetery Foundation held their annual meeting on Wed., Feb. 19 and announced their largest gift ever, a \$40,000 pledge toward road repairs in the Harlan Cemetery.

“Significant donations from Carolyn Spearing, Pam (Gettys) Captain, Connie White and 125 other donors in 2019 has helped the Foundation tremendously and allowed it to make this significant contribution planned for 2020,” Dick Jones said.

Also, through the efforts of board member Julienne Ferry, the Foundation garnered a twice annual gift of \$250 per year that will help cover fundraising expenses for the organization. The funding came from the Thrivent Financial and board members also received from Thrivent complimentary t-shirts from the organization.

The Foundation has continued to support the computer software and hardware needs of the Association thru annual purchases of updated software and assists in the costs to maintain their website, harlancemetery.com.

To date the Foundation has funded the Harlan Cemetery \$43,600 since the Foundation’s inception in 2007. The Harlan Cemetery Assoc. (est. 1872) is privately run by a volunteer five-member board - it is not owned by the City of Harlan. The Association is confronted with long-term expenses that include new concrete roadways, and monument repairs -- all on a limited permanent-care budget.

Pictured from front, l-r, Dick Jones, Julienne Ferry. Back, l-r, Seth Johannsen, Andy Sondag, Bonnie Fiscus and Al Ickes. Board members not pictured included Phyllis Lytle and Alan Mores who took the photo.