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THEY ORGANIZED THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETS AND ELECTS OFFICERS

Monday evening a meeting was held in the school house for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association. There were about twenty ladies and gentlemen present, and although the attendance was light the promoters did not lose courage, but seemed more enthusiastic than ever. The meeting was called to order by John Stewart, and Col. Whitney was made chairman and C. W. Baumbach secretary. Mr. Whitney cited the poor condition of the cemetery, the disgrace it was to the community and what a great benefit an association of this kind would be to keep the cemetery in proper condition. Mr. Stewart then told about the laws governing associations of this kind and after some discussion it was voted to have an organization of this kind and to be known as the Wadena Cemetery association. The following trustees were elected: Mrs. W. R. Baumbach, John Stewart and A. G. Swindlehurst.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Chas. Pike, of Minneapolis, the present owner of the unsold land in the cemetery, and ascertain what the remaining lots could be bought for. It is the desire of this organization to increase its membership, and a meeting for this purpose will be held next Monday evening at the school house at 8 o'clock sharp.

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