

UUC Memorial Committee

Annual Report 2018–2019

Purpose of the UUC Memorial Committee is to maintain, enhance and regulate the use of a memorial garden space for the UUC to be used as a long-term repository for cremains and as a peaceful area for meditation and remembrance. The Committee keeps a Registry of persons memorialized in the Garden and provides a Book of Treasures in which are recorded the origins of gift items that are visible on the premises. For more information, see our Web page: <https://uucnrv.org/memorial_committee/>.

Board-Approved Members: Bobbie Littlefield, (Chair & Registry); Dick Bauman, (Congregation Liaison); Arthur Snoke, (Treasurer & Web); Susan Baker, (Grounds Caretaker); Tim Pickering, (Installation/ Scattering Caretaker). Committee Supporter: Isabel Berney, (Book of Treasures)

Achievements/ Activities.

1. The Memorial Garden continues to be well maintained, primarily due to the vigilance and labor of Committee Member, Susan Baker, and assistant gardener, Valerie Bidwell.
2. Dick B. led a team of workers who removed the antiquated decorative fencing; also V.T's Corps of Cadets provided significant man/woman power during Spring Volunteer Week.
3. Three niches were purchased this year. There are 28 niches left. The contact person for purchasing niches or remembrance pavers is Dick Bauman, uuduo2@gmail.com (540) 629-0497.
4. Visibility: Dick has set up materials at the end of the inner hallway between the offices with information about the M.G's use and policies.
5. Isabel updates the Book of Treasures as special gifts to the UUC are received.

Future Plans

1. The Committee will be installing a more accessible entrance walkway easily negotiable by handicapped persons.
2. We'll be vigilant for opportunities to assist in a workshop on end of life preparations. This may include providing a section in UUC 's library with reference materials.
3. We'll be discussing the appropriateness of using any undesignated funds we have been given to support other projects that have a memorial intention.

Budget and Amount Used:

Garden expenses totaled \$405.64 this year (mowing is paid with Grounds Committee funds). Income was \$4,500 from three columbarium niche purchases.. There is a balance of \$6,767.82 in the Memorial Garden Fund. Sale of niches, pavers, and scattering fees will likely continue to cover future needs of the memorial garden..

Report Submitted by Bobbie Littlefield on June 24, 2019.