

UUC Memorial Committee

Annual Report June 2021 - June 2022

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: <<http://uucnr.org/memorial-garden.htm>>.

Board-Appointed Members: Bobbie Littlefield, (Chair & Registry); Sally Pfeiffer, (Congregation Liaison) To note: Dick Bauman retired in early '22, after transferring his responsibilities to Sally; Arthur Snoke, (Treasurer & Web); Susan Baker, (Grounds Caretaker); Tim Pickering, (Installation/ Scattering Caretaker). Sadly, Committee Supporter, and M.G. Founder, Isabel Berney, died last November '21.

Goals

- Maintain the Registry & files that identify purchases and use of columbarium spaces.
- Continue to communicate the Garden's purpose and availability to new & old members. Make Memorial Garden pamphlets and policies available as opportunities are identified.
- Ongoing Garden maintenance or enhancement.

Achievements/ Activities

1. A large contingent of Va Tech's "Big Event" student volunteers worked in our M/ Garden & grounds in March, once again.
2. The trees and other plantings in the Garden area are growing beautifully and the paver circle of remembrance is looking especially good due to the special attention of Sue Baker and assistant, Denise Martin.

Plans:

1. Continue w/same goals. (Registry updating to be reassigned)
2. Our extracurricular interests in community services, connected with end of life matters are now being managed by our minister, Rev. Pam Philips, also by her spouse, Rev. Jamie McReynolds, who has been working with the local chapter, (established by Isabel), of The Funeral Consumers Alliance.

Budget and Amount Used:

Around \$400 M. G. funds were used for maintenance this year. (Exact figures will be provided by Arthur Snoke in the next few weeks.) To note, since the M.G.'s budget was established to be independent of the operational budget of the UUC, the M.G. Committee must maintain its resources for the (very) long term future maintenance needs of the Garden

Report Submitted by Bobbie Littlefield on June 4th, 2022.