Memorial Garden Committee Report to Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

Sept 9, 2018

**Members**: Karen O’brien, Catherine McHugh, Martha Woods, Ernest Walker, Carol Baker, and self and meets every 8 weeks.

**Work of the committee**

2 second hours: celebration of life in the fall and providing information on end of life preparation, choices and options. As well has maintain the completed questionnaires of persons personal preferences for their memorial meeting content and indication of whether or not want to be remembered in the garden.

Oversee maintaince of the MG itself – tending to the garden (weeding, raking, and clean-and watering) and bigger plantings ( trees and flowers) and landscaping needs.

Requesting an annual budget form the Meeting that includes a line item for the maintenance of the Garden

A line item for administrative costs (brochure, printing)

And the Memorial Garden Fund for capital improvements (benches)

**What’s new:**

Some people are beginning to plan ahead -5 people who are still living have had their stones prepared ahead of their demise. These stones are to be added to the garden shortly.

Committee has been working towards preparing a manual , similar to the ones provided by Langley Park and Sandy Springs, regarding death and dying.

Committee might be at a turning point. Now that the garden is well established it might be time to turn more towards living with death topics….this is something that will have to be decided shortly.