

Memorial Garden Repair Proposal May 2018

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Proposal to the vestry SMITF concerning finish & repair the two (2) above ground columbarium in the Memorial Garden.

East side columbarium:

Issues

- 1) Unfinished niches on both sides are open and unsightly.
- 2) The structural integrity of the columbarium is diminished with missing niche.
- 3) Broken stone on the side of the columbarium (marble) may function repaired or may need replaced.

Proposals

- 1) 8 frames and covers are required to complete the columbarium.
 - a. Cost for a bronze frame is \$1,046.00 (2017 price) from Fred Cheek Monuments and they will not pass on the manufacturer's 2018 price increase to SMITF.
 - b. There are not any other manufacturers currently making Bronze frames & plates that fit our current niches and there is not a cheaper alternative product.
 - c. With other recent Memorial Garden purchases, we will have 4 frames and require the purchase of 4 frames @ \$4,184.00.
 - d. We have sufficient square cover blank plates in stock.
- 2) & 3) With 4-5 strong individuals the concrete cover can be tipped and the niches arranged and the repaired marble slab glued onto the side of the niche boxes.

West side columbarium:

Issues

- 1) The six (6) niches on the west facing side are not visible from walkways and are unlikely to be sold at full rate.
- 2) These niches are open and not covered, requiring bronze frames and covers.

Proposals

- 1) Offer to the Tarrant County Coroner's office these spots for ashes for persons that do not have any family that have claimed their ashes for internment on the Holy ground of SMITF.
- 2) There can be a total of 12 individual internments in these current niches.
- 3) A line item for temporary restricted funds for Memorial Garden ____ to receive donations from SMITF for these individuals without family from Tarrant County, to cover the cost of the frame and name marker.
- 4) A less expensive option for placing names and birth-death dates on the marker can be a single ribbon style plate attached to a blank plate with the full cost of the frame required for sealing the niche. Fred Cheek Monuments has suggested this method as the lowest cost to mark the bronze plate.

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