#### 2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE TO THE VESTRY

# AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH II A OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM

Rules and Regulations Paragraph II A stipulates in part: "...The [Columbarium] Committee shall make an annual report to the Vestry at the Vestry's February meeting. Such report will include a financial accounting of revenues and expenditures and a description of all activities related to the Columbarium for the past year, and any plans for the future."

## **Activities:**

## **Inurnments**

2015 3

Hardisty, John T.

Huguely, Elizabeth

Presley, Marjorie Manning

Cumulative 57

## **Niches sold**

2015 2

DeCell, Hal & Jane

Hardisty, John T. and Merrily

Cumulative 68 (of 256 total niches)

## Financial accounting of 2015 revenues and expenditures.

**Income** \$9,500.00

Of which

Sale of 2 Niches 9,500.00 <sup>1</sup>

**Expenses** \$5,798.17

Of which

Plants & gardening 222.00

Fountain & plumbing 1,125.00

Masonry work 2,451.17

Engraving niche covers 2,000.00

Balance  $(5,798.17)^2$ 

1. Proceeds from sale of niches are deposited directly to the Columbarium account at RBC Advisors.

2. The **balance** is the difference between **donations income** – none in 2015 -- and expenses. This amount was due for 2015 **to** the church operating account **from** the Columbarium account at RBC advisors.

## **RBC Advisors Columbarium Perpetual Care Fund, balance**

12/31/2014 \$247,857.35

12/31/2015 \$257,760.67

## Care of the Columbarium

John Austin of Green Gardens, Inc. regularly visits the Columbarium to provide gardening services. Church staff, ASAD Director Lisa Hollingsworth and Committee members did the watering.

Jim Dunn of Coldwater Pools adds chemicals in appropriate amounts and at appropriate intervals to the fountain.

Bonnie Barnes kept a sharp eye on the overall cleanliness of the Columbarium. Facilities manager Bill Garner is responsible for supervision of church staff's performance of cleaning duties, and outside contractors' execution of their work from time to time. Bill has identified a number of repairs to the church building surrounding the columbarium, and the committee has agreed to pay for said repairs.

### **Communications**

An attractive brochure to publicize and explain the Columbarium is available in the narthex and upon request to the church office. Additional publicity was given the Columbarium by periodic insertion of a "blurb" about the Columbarium into the supplement to the Sunday service leaflet, and by e-mail and written communications to parishioners.

#### Remembrance

As required by the Rules and Regulations, those inurned in the Columbarium were remembered at All Saints Day in a printed insert to the Sunday service leaflet and by reading their names aloud at the services that day.

## **Memorial Columbarium Register**

The Columbarium Rules and Regulations paragraph II E stipulates in part: "...The Church office will maintain a Memorial Columbarium Register which will include any brief personal histories on each person interred which had been submitted by the interred persons or their survivors."

The Memorial Register is current and is available for viewing in the church office. In many cases known survivors of those inurned have provided photos and/or obituaries of their loved ones for inclusion in the Memorial Register. In those cases in which the loved ones did not provide such remembrances, those inurned are remembered solely by a facsimile of the engraving on their stone niche cover.

## **Helping Hands for Inurnments**

Some inurnments have been held on very short notice, including on weekends. To ensure the availability of a knowledgeable person to open, clean and close the niche whenever an inurnment may be scheduled, Tom solicited additional parishioners and staff to be available as backup to the Committee for inurnments. Those who were available to serve this backup function during 2015 are:

Mark Pape .

Lou Shea

Clergy have been briefed on the mechanics of niche opening and closing and are available to perform this function when an inurnment is held on short notice and no one else is available

### Plans for the Future

The Committee intends to focus on maintaining the Columbarium and its garden in top shape; on maintaining accurate records; and on communicating to the parish the existence and attractiveness of the Columbarium.

Respectfully submitted,

The Columbarium Committee:

Tom Parker

**Bonnie Barnes** 

**David Stanley** 

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