

Date: May 10, 2015

Fellow Board Members,

As you may be aware, Marion Wertheim is spearheading an effort to revitalize the front entryway courtyard through a refreshed landscape design. She is especially pleased to be pursuing this project in conjunction with the calling of our new minister, in order to support the “renewed energy” of TUCW.

The feel of the landscaping is intended to be “calming, and Asian inspired, while being consistent with the current architecture”. Key criteria for choosing the plantings is that they be low maintenance, hearty, tolerant of partial shade and deer resistant. The footprint will remain the same and the primary scope of the project will be to install new evergreen plantings and to relocate some of the exiting trees/plantings that are crowding other growths. Since Jan 2015, she and Hazen Goddard have sought estimates/proposals from 4 different landscape designers. Last week, she made a final selection to work with Nick Lee of Lee Horticultural Services in Wilton. The preliminary estimate for the plan is approximately \$10K-\$12K but a final estimate will be received within the next few weeks. In order to take advantage of the advantageous weather and planting season, Marion is requesting immediate approval for a disbursement from Endowment for up to \$12,000, depending on the final proposal cost.

The disbursement represents a small portion of the \$2.5M Endowment’s earnings in the last 12 months.

The Constitution requires requests for Endowment funds to originate from the Board. Approval of the request below to Endowment is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Khanna
Treasurer

May 10, 2015

TO: Endowment Committee

FROM: The Board of Trustees
Michelle Garvey, Chair

RE: Request for up to \$12K of Funding for Courtyard Landscaping and Repair

An initiative to renew the landscaping in the front courtyard is being led by Marion Wertheim and Hazen Goddard. The landscaping will consist primarily of new evergreen plantings that are designed to be consistent with the current look and feel of the church architecture and will not involve any masonry work other than repairs/replacements to existing stones. The goal is to provide a fresh yet serene appearance for the church entrance. Marion is particularly pleased to be undertaking this project in conjunction with the arrival of the new minister, contributing to what she refers to as “renewed energy”.

Since January 2015, 4 different estimates have been solicited and the decision was made to select Nick Lee of Lee Horticultural Services of Wilton. A final design with an estimated cost of \$10-\$12K is expected within the next 2 week, a copy of which will be provided to Building and Grounds and the business office.

The Board hereby requests Endowment to provide up to \$12K of funding for this project, for disbursement planned for May/June 2015. This will count as an expense in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Michelle Garvey
Board Chair