

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS, INC. 2016 NEWSLETTER



IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GROUNDS AT SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS

The shop area improvements included an extension of the concrete driveway to the east of the shop building and placement of chipped concrete to the south of the shop for parking maintenance vehicles. This has lessened the amount of mud transferred onto gravel roads.

Drainage improvements were changing the direction of the culvert to get water to flow instead of ponding. A catch basin has been added to the southeast of Garden of Everlasting Life.

New grass seed mixture and cover grow mulch along with watering and timely rain, brought good results for fall seeding. We have also done a late fall seeding on sites not included in the early fall seeding.

A next year renovation of the Masonic Garden monument is in the planning as a new foundation is needed for the monument structure.

Thank you to all volunteers who have worked to keep hedges and trees trimmed, mowed the grass, planted and watered the flowers.

Thank you for helping with the block staking and flagging for winter, maintenance of shop vehicles and equipment and general cleanup of the cemetery.

Thank you to all volunteer help in the office. You are all appreciated very much.



Operating Statement

Balance Sheet

5/31/2016

	Actual	Projected
	FYE 5/31/16	FYE 5/31/17
Sales:		
Lots & Niches	29,350	30,308
Openings & Closings	81,045	79,716
Other Sales	25,475	25,145
Total Sales	<u>135,870</u>	<u>135,169</u>
Cost of Sales	72,896	71,882
Gross Profit	<u>62,974</u>	<u>63,287</u>
Expenses:		
Utilities	5,307	4,204
Snow Removal	1,395	2,200
Mowing	10,800	12,000
Legal Fees	5,031	2,500
Insurance	3,035	3,864
Office Expense	5,902	4,800
Building Expense	632	1,400
Grounds Expense	23,369	3,400
Depreciation	3,402	4,500
Trustee Costs	8,805	9,178
Payroll Costs	13,421	14,200
Other Operating Expense	3,363	5,331
Total Expense	<u>84,462</u>	<u>67,577</u>
Net Operating Inc. / (Loss)	(21,488)	(4,290)
Other Income:		
Investment Income	32,150	39,439
Donations Income	19,586	20,922
Misc. Income	56	0
Total Other Income	<u>51,792</u>	<u>60,361</u>
Net Income	<u><u>30,304</u></u>	<u><u>56,071</u></u>
Number of Lots & Niche Sold	39	40
Number of Interments	122	120

Assets:	
Operating Cash	28,727
Restricted Cash	1,295
Accounts Rec.	5,286
Investments Acct.	393,532
Unrealized Market Adj.	11,281
Other Current Assets	<u>4,306</u>
Total Current Assets	444,427
Fixed Assets – net of deprec.	111,879
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	<u>981,764</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>1,538,070</u></u>
Liabilities:	
Accts. Pay & CC Payable	2,703
Other Current Liab.	703
Designated Funds Reserve	<u>4,643</u>
Total Current Liabilities	8,049
Perpetual Care Fund Liab.	<u>981,764</u>
Total Liabilities	989,813
Equity:	
Equity	<u>548,257</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>1,538,070</u></u>

Cash Flow Summary	FYE 05/31/16
Operating Cash Balance – 05/31/15	90,385
Addition of Net Income	30,304
Misc. additions to cash flow	2,446
Capital Expenditures	(17,692)
Transferred to Perpetual Care Fund	(26,083)
Transferred to Investments	<u>(50,633)</u>
Operating Cash Balance – 05/31/16	<u><u>28,727</u></u>

LOT PRICES

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

(Subject to change without notice)

All Flat Marker Gardens:

Single Lot (1 space)	\$ 650
Double Lot (2 spaces)	\$1200

Resurrection Garden:

Single Lot (1 space)	\$ 950
Double Lot (2 spaces)	\$1800

Columbarium Niche:

Top or Bottom	\$ 700
In Between	\$ 750



Sunset Memorial Gardens Columbarium

Board Members

Mike Beaton	Joan Larson
Arnold Carriere	Margy Nelson
Steve Eicholtz	Robert Nelson
Les Jensen	Bruce Thomas

Regarding Your Donations

Sunset Memorial Gardens has a Perpetual Care Fund set up for the purpose of maintaining the grounds, buildings and the operation of Sunset. We are authorized to use only the Investment Income received from this fund. 100% of your donation is invested in the Perpetual Fund. We need to build up the principal of this fund to insure income for maintenance now and in future years. Thank you to all who have donated in the past.

Please make checks payable to SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS, INC.

Name: _____ Amount \$ _____ File#: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

- Check box if interested in receiving Newsletters via email going forward.

**Your contribution is deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
Please return this portion with your donation. Thank you for your generosity.**

Volunteer Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Suggested categories you might be interested in:

- Gardening/Yard Work (Adopt a Garden)
- Painting/Carpentry
- Seasonal interests (Helping erect flags for Memorial Day, etc.)
- Serving on the Board of Directors or Nominating Committee
- Other skills or interests you have? (Please list here) _____

Sunset Memorial Gardens

Christus Garden (CH) located along east border of cemetery along University Drive. 700 lots available.

Devotion Garden (DE) is in the southeast corner of the cemetery. There are over 700 lots still available.

Everlasting Life Garden (EL) is located just to the north of the Last Supper with 3,200 lots available.

Last Supper Garden (LS) is located in the center of cemetery. There are 1,200 lots available.

Masonic Garden (MA) is in the southwest corner of cemetery with 2,000 lots still available.

Resurrection Garden (RE) with upright markers along west side has over 2,800 lots available.

Veterans Garden (VE) is the along northern edge of the cemetery and has 3,200 lots available.

Columbarium (COL) located within Resurrection Garden has 186 niches available.

You do not need to be a veteran to be interred in the Veterans Garden or a Mason in the Masonic Garden.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

LOT OWNERS ANNUAL MEETING

**June 20, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
613 – 16th Street So., Fargo, ND**

Mark your calendar. Lot owner presence is needed.
PROXY – Contact office for form, if interested.

Spring Clean Up – Early April 2017

Fall Clean Up – Early October 2017

Memorial Day Clean-Up – June 9 (10 days after holiday)
(Weather permitting. Call office for dates of all clean-up dates.)

PRIOR TO SPRING, FALL and MEMORIAL DAY CLEAN-UP,
ITEMS YOU WISH TO SAVE MUST BE REMOVED.
ITEMS CAN BE PLACED AFTER CLEAN-UP.

Any questions regarding Rules & Regulations, please contact
Sunset Memorial Gardens' office or website.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

May 29, 2017 – 11:15 a.m. or shortly thereafter.
(In case of rain, services will be held at the Fargo Civic basketball court.)