

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee has one item requiring congregational approval at the upcoming Congregational Meeting:

Congregational nomination and approval of one new Endowment Committee member. Current committee member and chair, Gwen Van Ark served one 3 year term and although she has not reached term limits has elected to only fill one term and is thus stepping down. Mike Gilliom is willing to be nominated to fill this vacant seat on the Endowment Committee. Please note: Additional nominates may be made from the floor during the congregational meeting if any other church member wishes to be nominated and voted in as a new Endowment Committee member.

Updates on Endowment Committee activities over the last year.

Two mini-grants were funded for the 2015 -2016 cycle. Both grantees are moving forward and beyond all expectations.

Proposal #1. Sanctuary for Dialogue Project. This project was granted \$3,400 Steve Warshaw provided feedback on their successful year. As predicted and outlined in their proposal, they have spent all allotted funds as proposed. The year has been busy and successful. Sanctuary for Dialogue is continuing their work on funds sources beyond what was given through the Endowment Committee Mini-grant program.

Further outline of their activities can be gathered through inquiry either through the SfD Committee themselves or through formal request to the Endowment Committee.

All goals were met with the support of this proposal.

Proposal #2. Building and Grounds - Consultant fees on architectural upgrades. This project was granted \$800. Brad Kosiba provided feedback on the outlined work. All outlined work has been done successfully. At this point, the architectural fees came in for less than originally anticipated. There is still money that has not been spent out. The Endowment Committee will review the final report (due to the committee by May 31) to determine what funds remain and how those funds should and can be dealt with going forward.

All goals were met with the support of this proposal.

The Endowment Committee did not put out RFP for the 2016-2017 year, choosing instead to focus on marketing and future plans. The Committee reserves the right to consider putting out RFP at the beginning of 2017 for the new grant cycle, based on the formula for potential giving.

Respectfully submitted by Gwen G. Van Ark, Chair, Endowment Committee - June 2016