

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY NOTES

June 2014

Julien Worland, Clerk

The Vestry met on June 12 and discussed a number of important issues relevant to hiring our new rector. First, the Vestry accepted descriptions of Trinity prepared by the Search Committee that will form the text of our parish profile. The Search Committee used background information and comments made at three parish meetings to answer eleven questions put to them by the National Church. Each answer had to be no longer than 1,200 characters, a challenge said Carlos Daughaday and Lisa Carpenter, Search Committee co-chairs who attended.

Also required in the parish profile is data about the parish, as well as: figures for the new rector's compensation and housing allowance; insurance; and how much the Parish would contribute to SECA (an equivalent to FICA). Issues were at once important and incredibly complex.

Recent increases in the anticipated expense for South Parish Hall construction have decreased somewhat the funds available for needed repairs/improvements to the rest of our property, and the Vestry discussed ways to reassign available funds to maximum advantage. By the time you read this, the Vestry expects SPH demolition to be underway.

Vestry also discussed staff hiring issues: for a new Sexton, for which we have one application; and for the music ministry. (Should we have one person or two?). Rev. Mark Hatch will form a group to help him write a job description and then open the position for applications. We need to have a choir director in place by mid-August when the choir returns for rehearsals.

Deacon Harry Leip noted with pleasure the arrival of Candidate for Diaconal Holy Orders Jerre Birdsong, here in preparation for his ordination in November at the Annual Convention. Jerre will participate in many liturgical roles on Sundays and also will work with the TFM. Harry also announced that parishioners Linda Small and Kathy Tierney have stepped forward to manage the parish library, which the Vestry confirmed.

Junior Warden Willie Meadows explained that the pianos in the SPH and the NPH will go out for repair and refurbishment in the next month.

Finally, the Vestry discussed pastoral concerns and concluded with a prayer.