

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes from the Vestry

14 August 2014

The Vestry received an update from the Search Committee, which soon will meet with Rev. Dan Smith from the Diocese. He will winnow a pool of candidates via Skype interviews with questions prepared by the Search Committee, after which our Search team will conduct its own interviews.

The Vestry is arranging a Transition Committee to handle the departure of Interim Rector Mark Hatch and the arrival of our new Permanent Rector. Issues include settling the new Rector in St. Louis, finding housing and arranging for community celebrations.

Michael Haggans from the North Parish Hall Committee reported that construction was progressing toward an expected November completion date.

After a review of the financial report prepared by Parish Administrator Bill Ader, the Vestry turned to issues with the location of the nursery. It can no longer use the upstairs space because SPH construction blocked the emergency exit. The nursery now shares space in the North Parish Hall with the parish nurse. Vestry members expressed concern that the room had to be more kid-friendly and had to be sanitized between uses. Kathy Van Bakergem normally would be making these arrangements, but she is out on medical leave, and a Vestry member volunteered to serve as liaison. To aid communication, Senior Warden Dave Hilditch said he would prepare an explanation for the E-Times and would be keeping the ushers and greeters aware of changes so they could talk with parents of young children.

The Vestry learned with sadness that Head Greeter Dick Woodhouse was leaving Trinity to move out of town. Additionally, Chief Usher Martha Bradley was to step down from her long service but was helping nominate a successor. The Vestry passed a motion to commend her for her services.

Other upcoming events include the talent show (October 4) and the installation of the repainted church sign on Euclid. There continues to be activity among a group serving under Junior Warden Willie Meadows establishing renovation priorities. Kate Worland volunteered to meet with contractors about the repair or replacement of our weathered doors. The Church roof will consume much renovation money, should it require replacement rather than repair.

The Vestry discussed nominating new members when five current members step down at the Annual Meeting in January.

The Vestry set aside other business to discuss recent tragic events in Ferguson, Mo., after which it reviewed pastoral concerns, adjourned, and finished by reciting together the Our Father.

The next Vestry meeting will be Thursday September 11.