

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Notes
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Vestry members met and after opening prayer discussed several issues about Trinity's physical plant. Michael Haggans reported the SPH project was moving along as expected, and soon we can expect to see steel erected and stone facing added to the concrete-block walls around the new lavatories and storage areas. Dedication is expected on the Feast of Christ the King or Advent 1.

The Vestry released funds from the Jan Dunlap bequest for Hof Construction to replace our church doors, a badly needed project that will require about eight weeks. Our NPH and SPH pianos were refurbished and are back, looking like new. One is temporarily in the Rector's office if you'd like a look.

A review of parish finances finds that we are in the red a little more than budgeted. However, this is quite normal for September (when pledge income is often a little behind) and reflects unexpected upkeep expenses, such as improvement to the men's restroom and boiler and radiator repairs, as well as repairs to the fountain in the Memorial Garden and increased snow removal costs for the winter 2014

The E-Times will now carry a monthly item about parish finances. If you have any questions, Treasurer Barbara Uhlemann stands ready to discuss them with you (barbara.uhlemann@sbcglobal.net).

The Vestry is starting to prepare the 2015 budget. While most of our budget is fixed, Vestry members will be talking this month with those responsible for the Parish's various ministries about needed funds. Vander Corliss will again direct our stewardship campaign for three weeks in October. Parishioners will pledge financial contributions and offers of time and talent.

The nursery room on the second floor has relocated to one of the offices in the North Parish Hall. Meanwhile, the Deacon, the TFM Director, and any visiting interns will share the former nursery space. All this moving will be finished in mid-to late-October.

Discussions about possible educational programs in the fall are underway. One focus will be the underlying anger that led to the Ferguson demonstrations and ways we can respond collectively and individually. In an effort to reach across the Delmar divide, Holy Ground is arranging funding for member congregations to share a half-time nurse to provide care to our neighbors, whether congregation members or not.

Carlos Daughaday brought the Vestry up to date on the Search Committee's progress. His committee will meet with Rev. Dan Smith on September 20 to receive the names of four or five selected candidates whom the Committee will screen via record reviews, on-line search, and Skype interviews. In the meanwhile, Carlos asked parishioners to avoid sharing rumors and instead putting that concern into prayer for the success of our search. Members of the committee may not share any information, in order to protect applicants' confidentiality.

Junior Warden Willie Meadows reported on upkeep issues. In addition to the repair of the doors, he is working on replacing carpet in the sanctuary and around the font and the pulpit. He is soliciting bids to repair the stained glass windows on the west front of the building. Hof Construction will advise us about how to deal with the persistent leak on the back wall of the sanctuary. Interim Rector Mark Hatch remounted our street sign on its newly reoriented frame.

The Vestry was pleased to learn that Jan Kasalko will take over responsibilities as Head Usher. The Vestry is hoping to find someone who wants to take over the responsibility for arranging snacks after Mass on Sunday, which departing parishioner Dick Woodhouse has handled for many years.

After discussing pastoral concerns and recitation of the Our Father, the Senior Warden adjourned the Vestry meeting.