

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes from the Vestry

February 2015

Julien Worland

After a call to order, prayer, a review of minutes, the Vestry heard the Treasurer's report and discussed banking issues, which must be revisited each time new personnel on the Vestry take their seats. Michael Haggans brought the Vestry up to date on the South Parish Hall construction, saying that we were awaiting City approvals and permits, and needed to complete a lot of paperwork to be sure Hof Construction provided Trinity all we paid for.

Upcoming parish events included the Bishop's Visit on Feb. 15, for which the Vestry prepared in detail.

Junior Warden Willie Meadows said he was still awaiting bids to replace the church's steam boiler. He and Michael Haggans will be reviewing the bids in the coming week in preparation for offering a recommendation at the next Vestry meeting. Willie said he expected the church's new doors to arrive during February.

Rector Jon Stratton said he was preparing job descriptions for all paid and unpaid staff, was setting up e-mail addresses for each of them, and was making plans to hire a Sexton based on a job description under preparation. The Vestry discussed the role of the Sexton at length. Jon said that parishioner Ron Tompkins had been helpful on matters related to personnel policies and staff policies, which Jon will present to the Vestry when complete.

Jon also said he had begun his one-on-one meeting with parishioners. He said he was experimenting with employing amplification in the pulpit using equipment the parish already owned. As to his social justice ministry, he reported on his lobbying trip to Jefferson City with three parishioners who met with lawmakers about expanding Medicaid in Missouri. He also reported on his attendance at a conference in Atlanta dealing with efforts to raise the minimum wage.

The Vestry also considered and approved a proposal presented by Senior Warden Barbara Uhlemann to create a landscape committee. The committee will develop a plan and budget to landscape the grounds south of the new South Parish Hall. Members will be Kate Worland, Will Rainbolt, Willie Meadows, Helen Hendry, and Barbara Uhlemann. A first step will be to amend the soil and remove a scrub tree growing through the concrete east of the entrance to the east parking lot.

The Vestry also appointed a SPH Furnishings and Interior Design Committee. Its task will be to decorate the new SPH. Joyce Daughaday agreed to chair that committee. A separate group will be created later to set up the new SPH kitchen.

Rector John Stratton said he was considering adding a 12:10 Wednesday service, and said he hoped eventually to celebrate Mass at Trinity every day of the week.

After a discussion of pastoral concerns and adjournment, the Vestry concluded its meeting by reciting the Our Father.