

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes from the Vestry

March, 2015

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It was another busy Vestry meeting, held for the first time Thursday evening in the new South Parish Hall.

On the agenda were items about our personnel, our physical plant, and our many ministries. The Vestry ratified personnel decisions made at its annual retreat. **Jeff Nall** now becomes Trinity's Choir Director and Organist, after serving as an interim in that position for a very long time. And **Norman Morris** after months of faithful service has accepted the position to become Trinity's Sexton.

The Vestry considered issues dealing with our physical plant. We will remove the church's temporary heating system around mid-April.

After much thought, the Vestry approved a bid from Matheny Heating and Cooling to **replace our broken steam boiler** with a more-efficient hot-water system. This will be an expensive and extensive project. It will include demolishing and removing our old boiler, replacing the old radiators with new ones, and running new low-pressure piping, plus repairing water-damaged flooring and repainting walls. The Janet Dunlap bequest will cover this essential upgrade, another reason to keep thinking warmly about Janet.

The **HVAC system** in the new SPH is now adjusted and much quieter than it was when first installed.

Still to come are decisions and plans about heating and cooling the Library, the Narthex, and the Chapel.

The **new doors** for the church entrance and the library entrance have arrived. Workers shaped and fitted them this week and sent them out to be painted. Fingers crossed, they will be in place by Palm Sunday. The **lanterns** at the west entrance of the church are mostly back in service, still needing some final work by Emil Frei's company. They lamps are on a timer now, so please always leave the electric switch in the on position.

The Vestry also turned its attention to the **North Parish Hall**, which needs some refurbishment. Jan Parker, our new Junior Warden reported on bids to repaint the offices and replace carpeting. The members of the Vestry okayed these expenses.

The coming month will be very busy here -- a fish fry, Lenten Eucharistic dinners, a visit to lobby in Jefferson City, an opportunity for us to host the Hot Lunch

Program, plus a full roster of Holy Week services. The only way to keep up to date is by reading the bulletins and the Etimes.

Over the next month, too, various Trinity groups and guest groups will be transitioning their work and meetings to the new South Parish Hall, as it becomes our main meeting space.

Mark your calendar now for the Wednesday, April 22, **Renewal of Ministry**, when Bishop Wayne Smith will install Rev. Jon Stratton as our new Rector. This promises to be a significant and moving event in Trinity's long history. We will host many diocesan guests at a reception after the ceremony.

The Vestry also reviewed all of Trinity's many ministries and appointed Vestry leadership for each, too many to list here. Jon wants leaders to establish **goals and outcomes** for each of these efforts.

Jon detailed his wishes to inaugurate a series of **small-group meetings** starting in June, where parishioners will gather to address issues of their common interest. If you are interested in hosting or being involved, e-mail Jon at *fatherjohnstratton@gmail.com*.

The committee established last month to install **new landscaping** on the south side of the South Parish Hall reported on its working plan. The Vestry okayed funds for further work and purchases, though the committee members themselves may be doing a lot of the planting.

The Vestry discussed pastoral concerns. Some parishioners are finding it increasingly difficult to get to Mass and other church events, and Rev. Jon and Rev. Harry will look into ways to arrange **carpools**.