

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes from the Vestry, May 2015

Julien Worland, Clerk

After **Rev. Jon Stratton** opened the meeting with a prayer, the Vestry accepted the minutes of the April meeting and Treasurer **Jeanie Frazee** presented a financial update prepared by Parish Administrator **Bill Ader**.

The business was far-ranging at this meeting. **Fr. Jon** reminded the Vestry that the congregation had two open slots on its roster of convention delegates, and he will be looking for volunteers. The Vestry agreed to become part of a diocesan savings plan for employees at no cost to the parish.

Junior Warden **Jan Parker** updated the Vestry on building and maintenance projects. The new red doors are installed, costing less than budgeted. The installation of the new hot-water heating system for the church is also nearly complete. Parishioners will notice the new radiators. A warranty will cover future system repairs, and it is hoped that regular maintenance will avoid expensive repairs.

The Vestry discussed an on-going problem with tenants and employees in nearby building who fill our parking lots on most workdays. After discussion, the Vestry decided that the Rector would ask **Bill Ader** to create warnings leaflets to post on the windshields of those who park here but are not conducting church business. After a month of such warnings, the Rector will have a new metal no-trespassing sign posted and begin having a towing company remove cars parked in violation.

The Junior Warden also solicited ideas about how to reduce the number of different kinds of keys needed to navigate our campus. The Vestry agreed to purchase and have two boxes mounted on the outside of our buildings to contain keys for the fire department to gain access in case of an alarm.

The reconstruction of the South Parish Hall is nearly complete except for one or two items that Hoff Construction will soon complete. Coming next are new shades for the windows, pew seating, and the hanging of a white-board. A committee led by **Helen Hendry** has been hard at work preparing the gardens on the south side of the SPH. They expect to have new trees and bushes planted there before Trinity Sunday.

**Fr. Jon** announced he had hired a part-time Sunday custodian who will help with the tasks previously handled by the sexton at least through July 1. Meanwhile, he is negotiating with Holy Communion Parish on the sharing of one full-time sexton, but definite plans for arranging the position will await action at the June vestry meeting. Fr. Jon said he had a number of solid candidates for that position.

**Hazel Kirk** who leads the Parish Life Committee and the Vestry discussed plans for Pentecost Sunday's strawberry shortcake reception and Trinity Sunday's picnic.

Speaking for the Arts Committee, **Julien Worland** presented a proposal for a photography project modeled on a Facebook success called "Humans of New York." The Rector suggested the "Humans of Trinity" project, which will engage several of our photographers initially to create 40 portraits of members of the congregation and others who use our building. The committee will mount the photos in the back hallway and publish them on-line.

Other issues that the Vestry handled were the repurposing of furniture that it purchased for the apartment of Interim Rector **Mark Hatch**, preventing thefts suffered by food pantry volunteers, and negotiating with our neighbor Jim Dwyer about his patron's use of Trinity parking spaces. Finally, **Joyce Daughaday** is now organizing a pastoral care team, one aspect of which is to provide transportation to Trinity for Sunday services for those unable to drive themselves.

The Rector adjourned the meeting and the Vestry recited the Our Father.