

...renew our vision of who we are and what you are calling us to do.....

Agenda · Vestry Meeting · October 17, 2017

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Gathering

Opening Prayer and Call to Order

Note: Due to the death of Terri Jennings's brother-in-law, the September 21, 2017 Vestry Minutes and the Minutes from the Special Vestry Meeting held on September 26, 2017 will be reviewed and approved at the November 21, 2017 Vestry Meeting.

- 1. Finance Ministry Monthly Report** (presented by Margaret Ryniker)
- 2. Ministry Reports**
 - Property Ministry Monthly Report
 - Sustainability Ministry Report
 - Outreach Ministries Reports
 - Food Pantry
 - Grace Project Ministry
 - Wednesday Supper Ministry
- 3. Capital Campaign Funds Raised in Excess of \$65,000**
- 4. Piano Contract with Civic Morning Musicals**
- 5. EGRA & University Hill Boards**
- 6. Senior Warden Report on Next Steps & Process following the Rector's Departure**
- 7. Closing Prayer**

WE ARE A TEAM. OUR SUCCESS RELIES ON EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION.

Are we firmly focused on our mission? Are we moving forward on the goals and expectations we set? Where is there measurable progress? Where are we stuck? Are we honoring our group norms and vestry covenant? Do we deal directly with disagreement? How are we handling conflict? Do we enjoy one another, laugh, and have fun together? Are we too immersed in vestry concerns to draw strength and hope from worship? Are we saying 'thank you?'

The committee did not meet prior to the October vestry meeting.

Items for Vestry Discussion/Approval:

None.

Other Items and Updates

Rectory Repairs:

The committee will be continuing with the planned repairs as planned (given Johanna's departure on November 5). The committee will be making plans for maintaining the rectory in the absence of a rector.

As of the writing of the report, Maksi's Masonry has begun work on the front entrance porch piers and sidewalk (building permit issued 10/13). The city Landmark Preservation Board approved the sidewalk, entrance porch pier reconstruction, driveway reconstruction (all scheduled for this fall) and the front porch structural repairs (scheduled for the spring). At the special vestry meeting on October 3, the vestry approved additional funds for building the entrance porch piers to code, and for the funds for the city building permits.

1. Front Porch Repairs: \$18,500 (previously approved, scheduled for spring 2018, Gary Wright)
2. Asphalt driveway reconstruction: \$6,522, proposal by Superior Seal and Paving approved by vestry at special meeting on September 11. Work scheduled to begin November 16, with final asphalt layer to be applied next spring.
3. Central Air Conditioning: Dan Bilow is looking into a fix for the excessive noise at the intake grates.
4. Water Heater (exiting unit 20+ years old): \$2,200; committee getting additional quotes, with plans to replace the unit this fall.
5. Dorset Road Sidewalk and Driveway Apron: The committee recommends that this be done by the city and charged to the church taxers (10 year pay-off). John Auwaerter will be contacting the city to obtain an estimate (probably in the \$5,000 range)
6. Sagging Dining Room and Hallway Floors, Loose Stairs/Balustrade: The committee has purchased three lally columns to support the beams that appear to be sagging, and will have Gary Wright address the situation when he works on the front porch in the spring.
7. Minor repairs: Replacement of leaking bathroom faucets (replaced by Gaffney Plumbing), replacement of faulty outside spigot, repair of kitchen cabinet that is pulling away from the wall, repair of attic window, repair of second floor rear porch door lockset. The committee is considering how best to get these repairs done.
8. Other repairs needed within next year or so: exterior painting; window repair; storm window repair/replacement; insulation (Paul is looking into a free NYSERDA energy efficiency evaluation)

State EPF Grant for Exterior Masonry Repairs (Tower, Parish House)

The Property Committee is meeting with Crawford & Stearns at 5:00 prior to the vestry meeting. There will be a verbal report at the vestry meeting.

HVAC Noise, Church Proper, and Acoustics in Parish Hall: John Auwaerter will be coordinating with SCC and CMM; SCC has met with Johanna about the issue in the parish hall.

Church Grounds: A fall grounds clean-up will be planned for Saturday, November 18.

Miscellaneous Repairs and Improvements (Church)

Grace Episcopal Church
Property Committee Report --- 10/2017 Vestry Meeting

The committee is pursuing the following repairs/improvements (resolutions noted where applicable):

- Church furnace replacement (1 of 3 not replaced in 2015): Need to get estimates
- Repair of broken glass and memorial name plates on the church stained-glass windows: The committee will address this in 2018.
- Painting of chapel (old sacristy/upper hall) exterior door and porch (adjacent to Madison St. entrance): Need estimates or volunteer.
- Repair of tile floor at University entrance to church. Need estimates. John Auwaerter is following-up with Beth Crawford to see if she can recommend someone.
- Cleaning of kitchen stove: Chuck is contacting someone to professionally clean this, to reduce potential for a grease fire.
- Church Kitchen Freezer: The unit is not working; Chuck contacted the manufacturer, and it is still under warranty.

Submitted by John Auwaerter