

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the May 8, 2025 Meeting:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Campus Committee: Chair Stephen Paradis

Decorating Committee: Co-chairs Patsy Wright and Cece Fowler

Design Team: Graham Veysey, Good Bones Design; Matt McEachern and Josh Bancroft, Emeritus.

Matt recapped all the ideas: second egress and making it safe; adding four new toilets; durability and esthetics, current molding details are to be kept and used as seed for additional works.

Graham spoke of how the current space has good bones and they are excited to turn it into a joyful space – they are working closely with Cece and Patsy on this. “It will ultimately become a sound and multi-use space; the plan is to make it connect seamlessly with the church proper.” He shared that the Tiffany windows have been a big inspiration, and the color pallet chosen was chosen from the green in said windows. The gothic arches were taken from the style in the main church, as was the paneling design and lighting – all chosen to compliment and bring the upstairs down to Gardner Hall.

Maxime O’Rourke spoke about the simple ceiling and letting the light bounce off the walls using up-lights, downlights, and indirect lighting. “Decorative chandeliers will help make the space joyful so it doesn’t feel like a basement.” There will be floor to ceiling paneling, the paint color is Salisbury green and acoustic wall paper will be used on the upper half of the paneling and on the ceiling to help soften the sound within the space.

Graham showed all present the paneling wall paper color that will appear on the walls between; historical lighting will also be employed to provide the feeling it had always been this way. A sample of a potential Vinyl mural in “the alcove areas above the new chair rails will enhance the space and help bring the outside in.” And it was noted that the new chairs rails will be durable.

Maxime went on to share that the new bathrooms will encompass all the same fixtures and timeless features, “they will not be time stamped to 2025, but will mirror the age of the church proper.” The bathroom mirrors and light fixtures will have an old-world charm as well. She noted that the vestibule entrance will have different lighting from the other down lighting, and the doors will be raised panels with oil bronze hardware.

A sample of the floor vinyl was shown, chosen to match the wooden floor in the church.

Needed storage areas were mentioned and discussed, all agreed storage is needed and essential.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Kirk Baker explained all the funding areas; income is up and the CPC Grant was approved at Town Meeting.

It was also noted that the finances of the restoration plan need to be planned out because it does take time to be reimbursed from the CPC Grant.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: Peter Barnes noted that we have 350 active parishioners and 200 have made a pledge or already given a gift to the capital campaign. They will be circling back to the summer folks and share with them the work that is planned for Gardner Hall.

SOUND SYSTEM:

Lucy Leske explained that John Barnes is working with a company who will professionally design a sound and video system for the church, which will properly connect with our broadcaster and YouTube. This will take six to eight weeks to install. Max shared that many of our parishioners watch our services on Facebook, however Facebook can also be shared on YouTube.

Lucy went on to note the timing for the work in Gardner Hall and the new sprinklers, which Steve Paradis shared would be in two parts; on Oct. 1 the work would begin in Gardner Hall which would run through the fall and into December. The work on the church sprinklers would begin after January 1. He added the sprinkler design will work discretely with our current architecture.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Max shared he hadn't had three months off since he was 15 years old! He thanked everyone for pushing him to take this Sabbatical. He then shared numerous photos and thanked everyone for being part of the leadership while he was away, "he didn't have to worry about us at the church."

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