

# **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at its May 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

## ***Building and Grounds update***

Fabio Bardini of Florentine Renaissance Masonry provided an update on the restoration work this spring. The west wall problems were the same as those found and corrected on the tower last year. Portland cement is not compatible with our stone construction because it is brittle, eventually cracks and lets moisture in between and behind the stones. He and his team did a deep intervention around the large Tiffany windows. The mortar has been replaced both outside the wall and on the inside of the church. Mr. Bardini also inspected the remaining church walls and found the east wall to be in bad shape. He also found the north wall to be a critical area. There is a large bulge in the masonry caused by water in the rubble between the walls causing the stones to displace outward. The chimney in the area is also critical and may have to be taken down and rebuilt. At our request, Mr. Bardini presented estimates and contracts to cover the work needed on the east wall in 2020 and the north wall in 2021.

## ***Acoustic ceiling tiles***

David Dick gave an update on the cost estimates for the acoustic ceiling tiles for Gardner Hall. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to authorize \$4,617.33 for the purchase and shipping of the tiles from Acoustical Surfaces, Inc.

## ***Treasurer's report***

Martin McKerrow gave a brief synopsis of the EMC this year compared to prior years. Our new bookkeeper, Becky Mack, has started to work alongside Craig Hunter and should be ready to assume the full responsibility following the completion of the 2018 audit in June.

## ***Priest-in-Charge Comments – Max Wolf***

Max emphasized the importance of the work being done by Fabio Bardini to restore the historic structure of the church. Confirmation classes will be held on Thursdays, May 16, 23, and 30, from 4:30 to 6:00 and on Fridays, May 17, 24 and 31 from 10:30 to 12:00, all in the Parish house.

## ***Fellowship committee report***

Libby Tracey summarized the upcoming events including, the Sherburne Commons luncheon (May 15), the BBQ and Bingo night (May 17), The Ship's Inn dinner (June 6) and the special coffee hour for the Bishop's visit (June 9). The Vestry was asked to host the J1 Visa student dinner on June 24<sup>th</sup> and a sign-up sheet for this was circulated.

## ***Consultant time – Stephen Mascoll***

Mr. Mascoll summarized the three year process for a Priest-in-Charge in our Diocese. The first phase "familiarization" has gone well and he considers us to be in the "planning/goal setting" phase, which also appears to be going well. The third phase, "discernment", will involve a special committee, a survey, and then a formal decision process.

## ***Warden's reports***

Lou summarized the activities that have taken place since the Vestry workshop and noted that several items recommended at that meeting have already begun.

## ***Other Business***

It was reported that the communion rail needlepoint cushions need repair and that these repairs will cost approximately \$1,500.