



Vestry Report - February 22, 2023

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

1. As we approach the warmer months, our calendar is filling up with wonderful opportunities to open doors, welcome neighbors, share gifts, and build community. My hope is to ensure that each parish ministry and committee will find opportunities to plan, engage, and actively participate in this work. One example that comes to mind is the opening of our St. Paul's exhibit at Sloan. The Outreach group has already stepped up to plan a special St. Paul's Tea in conjunction in the exhibit opening. Another example is in planning and participating in our Friday evening Stations of the Cross services throughout Lent. My hope is to ensure that each ministry/committee will have an opportunity to help plan and share the prayers and reflections during the season.

My sincere hope is to help us to find additional ways for ministry groups and committees to share, collaborate, and work together on additional projects throughout the year. I hope that each of you will keep an eye out for opportunities to encourage collaboration and community among and between your respective ministry/committee groups.

2. Building and Grounds:

- a. Dishwasher Replacement: The Executive Committee recommended that the church seek quotes for the replacement of our dishwasher. To date, we've received a single quote from a company in Howell recommended by Tony Vu, Town Center, for \$25,237.76. Town Center is the company that we initially contacted regarding the possibility of repairing the machine. Given the age of the existing machine, the Executive Committee recommended that we simply move forward in seeking replacement.

The Town Center quote is for an upgraded machine that likely exceeds our actual needs. I've asked them to prepare a separate, itemized quote for a machine more closely aligned with our actual needs and requirements.

We are waiting to hear back on a second quote from Stafford-Smith, the authorized Hobart dealer for our area. Stafford-Smith personnel have been particularly responsive and helpful, in terms of customizing the quote to meet our needs. I hope to hear back from them by the end of the week.

- b. The front door lock has still not been repaired. The vendor has advised that we will need to wait until warmer weather, as the repair materials will not cure appropriately during the cold months.
- c. We typically batch the work for our electrician (Shifflet). I'm aware of a few minor items (spot light strobe) that need attention, so please encourage folks to turn in a repair slip if anyone is aware of electrical jobs that we can add to the list.
- d. The Garden Group, Edythe Peake and Mary Mitchell-Beren have started making plans for the garden, beds, and pots. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with planning, preparing, or caring for our gardens, please direct them to Edythe or Mary.

3. Upcoming Activities and Events (Please see Archivist, 150, and Stewardship Reports for Details)

- a. We are approaching a series of significant dates, events, and activities. Please check the Parish Calendar on our website for additional details.
- b. Stations of the Cross: Every Friday throughout Lent.
- c. Diocesan Creation Care Summit: March 11, 2023
- d. Wednesday Walkers Season Kick-off: April 4, 2023
- e. Concert for the Human Family: April 22, 2023
- f. Sloan Museum/St. Paul's Exhibit-Opening Night: May 12, 2023
- g. Groundbreaking/Spring Cleanup: May 13, 2023 (Tentative)
- h. Blood Drive at St. Paul's: May 26, 2023 (Hours to be announced.)