Property Committee

The Mission Statement of the Property Committee of Saint Mark’s is: To advise the Executive Committee (Council) and clergy of the Cathedral on the best possible stewardship of the Cathedral and the 425 House, including planning for the maintenance, timely repair, prudent improvement of the buildings and grounds, and evaluating gifts and acquisitions.

Some of the projects completed, or pending, in 2013 include:

- Improvements were made to the HVAC technology system $33,000. (Capital Campaign funds)
- Rod & Rail System for hanging pictures in the Bishop’s Hall was approved by the Property Committee at a cost of $600. (Anonymous gift)
- Curtains cleaned in the Fireplace Room at cost of $392.
- The Bell Tower has new LED colored lights on all sides at a cost of approximately $53,000. (Capital Campaign funds)
- An improvement to the overall quality of the sound system plus an installment of a loop system for better hearing for those with hearing aids was installed under the floor of the Cathedral. (Gift from the Tashjian Family)
- Three 4' X 6' panels with wood frames used for hanging pictures without hooks in the Bishop’s Hall were approved by the Property Committee at a cost of $1,000. (Anonymous gift)
- The Elm Trees were injected for Dutch elm disease control at a cost of $2,740.
- The windows and sills in the Fireplace room and Small Dining Room were stained and varnished along with the baseboard in the Small Dining Room at total cost $800. (Anonymous gift)
- The top of the sideboard in the Small Dining Room was refinished at a cost of $100. (Anonymous gift)
- The Parking Lot project will be completed in 2014. Cost will be under $470,000.
- Repairs, in the amount of $1250, were made to the roof, but major work is yet to be done in 2014.
- New carpeting was installed in the Acolyte Robing Room and Mary Lusk’s office at a cost of $2,945. (Anonymous gift)
- Shades are being ordered for Mary Lusk’s office at cost of $435. (Anonymous gift)
- Glass top for the sideboard in the Small Dining Room will be installed by Mpls. Glass of approximate cost of $500. (Anonymous gift)
- The Brides Lounge will be updated with funds left over from the anonymous gift which was given to the Property Committee five years ago to be used at its discretion. The funds have been spent for special projects not covered in the main budget.

At the request of the Finance Committee, the Property Committee videotaped the contents of the Cathedral this past year. In addition the Property Committee had a Cathedral Cleanup Day, conducted a Walk Through of the entire Cathedral, and spent time working on the grounds. Cathedral Property Guidelines have been created and will be in the Outlook in 2014.

I would like to thank all the members of the Property Committee for their hard work in keeping the Cathedral an inviting place: Prentice Beadell, Dan Erie, Brian Golberg, Marilyn Hannemann, Michael Hobbs, Doug Potter, and Terry Schlink. Gary Gliem, who had been a long standing member of the Property Committee, passed away on December 26th.

Additional thanks go to Mary Farrell, Matt Meyers (Vestry Commissioners), and to Cannon Pat Betsinger, Cathedral Administrator who has been a huge support and help to the Property Committee over the years.

A special thank you to Rich Maeir and Candi Wallace for their perseverance in making sure the parking lot was surfaced and striped before it snowed.

Last but not least the Property Committee would like to acknowledge the Sextons, who keep the Cathedral clean and in good shape - your hard work is appreciated.

Mary Pagnucco, Outgoing Chair of the Property Committee

Finance & Stewardship Continued:

The Wells Foundation

The Wells Foundation continues to pursue our mission of addressing community needs through social innovation, writing grants for creative efforts to alleviate poverty, with an emphasis on assisting homeless youth, veterans, and adults. Grant recipients for 2013 and 2014 include Beacon’s Nicollet Square, which provides housing and support for homeless youth, The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans emergency fund, the Avenues for Homeless Youth foster home program, and Saint Stephen’s Human Services outreach to homeless adults.

In 2013 the Wells Foundation sponsored an appearance by Breck School’s acclaimed Marimba group, BATO BATO! On November 10, 2013, we sponsored our second annual Honoring Our Veteran’s Concert at Saint Mark’s, featuring the University of Minnesota Health Sciences Orchestra, with guest pianist Elise Molina. All donations received at this free concert were used to support assistance for homeless veterans. We are planning the third annual Honoring Our Veterans Concert with the orchestra in November 2014.

For further information please visit www.wellsfound.org, or call James Davies, president, at 612-872-1747 or 952-525-2237.