

**Properties and History Ministry
Summer Meeting
Monday, August 28, 2017**

In attendance: Luk DeVolder, John Hagman, Peg Chambers, George Gillin, Chuck Kaywood, Barbara Lamb, Joe Dzeda, Duo Dickinson, David Assis, Fred Tyrell, Murray Harrison, Margie Pikaart, Patricia Thurston, Sam Sigg, Neil Olsen, Chris Janis, Lisa Omark, Charlotte Rea

Upcoming Ministry Meetings:

- Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM - Undercroft
 - Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM – Undercroft
1. Luk began by reviewing the purposes of the summer ministry meetings:
 - To provide greater communication and organization within each of the six ministries
 - To set meeting dates and meet two to three times a year
 - To determine the needs of the ministry and decide what projects/events the ministry will undertake over the next year
 2. Luk continued his introduction by expressing gratitude to the ministry for supporting Trinity's ability to flourish as a parish in times of declining church attendance. Funds from the state grant will be dispersed when all work is done.
 3. Duo gave an overview of the Front Steps Reconstruction Project, detailing the final work. He suggested that Properties take a walk to look at the exterior of the building and prioritize future projects, describing several that need to be addressed soon.
 4. Joe described the heating system in the Nave, noting that it is 60 years old and will need attention to keep it in working order. Oxidation may have already caused some damage. The copper pipes are approximately an inch wide.
 5. It was suggested that the doors – panels and trim – will need replacing soon.
 6. We discussed installing an air conditioning system in the Nave, which would only be used during services, as cooling will be expensive. Several options were discussed.
 7. Luk mentioned the need for a capital budget for parish repairs; Duo recently spoke at the Investments meeting toward this end.
 8. Peg gave an overview of the History Ministry, which has three subgroups: Archives, Nave Strategies, and Building. She is wondering if the Building group could be subsumed by Properties.
 9. History receives a \$1,000.00 budget each year and she is wondering if this can be increased to \$3,000. She also requested more volunteers to work with this ministry.
 10. Neil gave a report on the Flower Ministry for Deborah Johnson, who was unable to attend. Deborah is wondering, with the steps looking “dazzlingly gorgeous,” if there is a need to enhance them with flowers in pots for a sense of welcome. She is wondering if this ministry should continue, at least for the near future.
 11. Should the ministry continue, Deborah is looking for more volunteers to help her. Also, she is wondering if funds from the Altar Guild could be used to purchase flowers for the front steps and side door.
 12. Margie reported on a recycling project, Peels and Wheels. We are hoping to get the leader of the project, Domingo Medina, to come to an adult forum in the fall to teach all of us how to recycle the waste from our kitchen. The pail (s) will be picked up each Monday.

13. We are planning to restore the Lucy Boardman oil painting that hangs in the parish office. We have had two estimates and have selected Patty Garland, a very experienced art restorer in New Haven. She is now retired, but among her many restorations, she worked on the “Age of the Reptiles” in the Peabody Museum. We will organize a fundraising campaign to pay for the restoration soon.

Below is a biography of Lucy Boardman, who gave so much to our parish and city during her lifetime.

At the Parish Annual Meeting, held April 16, 1906, the following tribute to Mrs. Lucy H. Boardman was adopted by a rising vote.

**Lucy H. Boardman
November 19, 1819 – March 29, 1906**

The parishioners of Trinity church having learned with deep sorrow of the death of Mrs. Lucy H. Boardman, which occurred on the morning of March 29, 1906, at her home in this city, direct that this tribute to her memory be entered upon the records of the parish.

Mrs. Boardman was for nearly fifty years a communicant of Trinity church, and since the death, in 1871, of her husband, Hon. William W. Boardman, who through a period of over forty-two years served the church most efficiently as vestryman and warden, has continued his interest in the parish by her frequent and liberal benefactions. Her life was characterized by a strong Christian faith, a pronounced sense of justice and by a public spirit and generous nature which won for her the esteem of all.

Her great strength of character impressed all who came in contact with her, and the use of her ample fortune in the promotion of high and useful aims, to the choice of which she gave constant thought and study, made her life an influence for good in and beyond the limits of this community, and an example to all to improve the opportunities for helpfulness which are always present with us.

Mrs. Boardman's gifts to this parish, many in number and of the highest importance, are forcibly called to mind at this time, and we desire to record our sincere appreciation of the largeness of mind and heart which prompted them, and our belief that in every instance her benefactions will prove most valuable aids in the work of the parish for all time to come. The hopes which she entertained of their usefulness will, we are confident, be amply justified by the future.

In the death of Mrs. Boardman, the parish loses one who was devoted to its welfare; whose interest in its present and future needs was ever apparent by her most generous and well directed aid so freely extended, and one who, during a long and most useful life, endeared herself to its members and commanded in a marked degree their affectionate regard.

14. Finally, dates for future Trinity Church events were announced:

- January 2018 – Interfaith Service
- June 20, 2018 – Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury visits Trinity
- August 7 – 10, 2018 – National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA) Conference; Keynote speaker will be Barbara Lau, from Duke University.