

BUILDING RESTORATION REPORT

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To The Members of Trinity Episcopal Church

I would like at this time to update you on our efforts at restoring our church from Ike.

We have completed temporary repairs to the church, and offices. They have temporary power and phone. The offices are located in the Kelso Library as we work on redesign of office space and relocation of the Music department. We will be doing this in cooperation of the school so as to best utilize space and shared resources. The former Music room of Ron Wyatt will become the electrical HVAC room.

We have a portable PA system in the church. I ask all to bear with us on this as we were using a borrowed one from Grace but this one is ours. We are awaiting a company called Taft from Houston who designed our old system and specialize in churches. They will design a system that works for our space. Mainly we are waiting on permanent power in the church.

We have secured the services of Kelso Construction as our general contractor. John has committed to doing the work at no cost. He will present his bills to the church and then donate his mark up back as donation from him and his company to also help us offset our deductible. He will be meeting with Joe Oppermann, our restoration architect, and Ron Brown, our Mechanical Engineer, to plan a course of action. He will begin roof repairs once we get the needed paperwork done. Dave Mistick of Church Insurance thinks he is good choice and looks forward to working with him.

Opperman and Brown are proceeding with design work on the electrical and HVAC. That should be finished in late spring. It should be remembered that electrical is being replaced and brought to code which is required after the amount of damage we received. Installation of HVAC will probably be late summer at the earliest. Prepare for an old time Episcopal Summer like when Trinity was built. The water cooling tower will most likely go on top of the Parish house as it is structurally sound enough to support and places it where it does not distract from the appearance of the buildings.

Work on the windows progresses. It is my understanding the Nativity window is nearing completion and work has begun on the Sealy window. We have made the initial payments and have secured the funds to pay for them and the work. Completion should occur sometime late summer. We have directed Opperman to begin work on their new framing and covering. It is the consensus of those directing the work that if the windows are completed in August or September we will delay reinstallation until mid October to get us through the height of Hurricane season. We do not want to get caught by a storm with the windows half installed and vulnerable.

Once work on the windows and the electrical and HVAC are done we will address the walls. We have several folks from Kelso that are examining ways to do the work. We will patch the areas where there was previous water damage and then finish the interior. Once done it will all match and be less destructive on the building rather than trying to remove 150 year old plaster entirely. The floor will be cleaned and prepped. It will be resealed with an epoxy floor finish. This will provide for long wear life and ease of up keep. All projects being done are being evaluated on the basis of longevity of work and ease of upkeep so that these do not become expensive burdens on the parish.

The school has made excellent progress and hopefully will reoccupy the whole Middle School in the next couple of weeks. Ed Rismiller is their contractor and has done a remarkable job. Father Dearman has nothing but good things to say about the job they have done.

Eaton Hall we are doing in a separate phase from the rest of the buildings due to extensive damage and structural issues. We have been assured the building is sound at the moment and have done temporary repairs to make the building water tight. We have termite issues and damage, masonry problems we had just begun to address before the storm and will have redo all electrical, HVAC and flooring in the building along with replacing the walls down stairs. Our goal is to complete repairs on the church, cloister and Parish House and then address Eaton Hall. We do not expect to have use of this building until next year at the earliest. We will have to make some hard decisions on the future of this building over the summer and will keep the parish informed.

We are starting a new building committee to assist me in these tasks shortly as this can quickly become an overwhelming task. We have some talented folks who have agreed to assist. We will make reports to the parish and vestry as things progress.

I would like to thank Carl Schutz, Susan Duif, Linda Jenkins and our dedicated staff for all their help in getting us this far. I apologize for not getting this out sooner. I also want to thank all those at Trinity that have supported us in our efforts so far. It has been a privilege to do this.

I Remain Respectfully Yours,

Robert Ebert, Junior Warden