

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2011

The Building and Grounds Committee focus in 2011 has been to minimize expenditures and defer projects that require capital expenditures, to the Design and Construction Committee. The sidewalk replacement, for example, was driven by a series of NYC violations and a minor fall on the sidewalk, so it was decided to push up the replacement schedule.

The committee is responsible for maintaining the facility and garden, keeping our buildings in compliance with NYC regulations and requirements. Tony Feliciano and our building staff care for the offices, hallways, meeting rooms school rooms and the other spaces both public and non public, they clean the sidewalks, clear the snow and on a daily basis undertake repair and maintenance tasks that keep our facilities safe, attractive and operational. Over the summer major maintenance and painting projects take place. We thank Tony and his team for all their work!

Several major capital projects were undertaken in 2011 as part of the Design and Construction Committee. (See their report.) In addition to the sidewalk, a new heating plant was installed and electrical service has been upgraded. This will help significantly since heating repairs have been a significant budget item for the past few years.

A request has been made to increase the funding for Buildings and Grounds in order to increase preventative maintenance and address projects that are not included in the scope of the Design & Construction Committee.

The committee thanks Robin Key for her work in coordinating the care and maintenance of the church's gardens, Susan Sipos who has worked very hard in our gardens over the past year, and the volunteers who help with the ongoing maintenance.

Respectful submitted by:

Richard Korchak, Committee Chairman