

PROPERTY MATTERS - Capital Campaign Update by Robert Hyde, Director of Cathedral Properties

Capital Campaign Projects

We are currently working two projects as we begin to wind down the Capital Campaign work.

All work involved in the installation of mechanized shades for the fifteen windows in Taliaferro Hall has been authorized with All About Blinds on Phillips Hwy being the primary vendor. The Properties Committee conducted an extensive review of this project over the past six months, attempting to balance the operation and technical requirements versus the need to maintain the aesthetics of Taliaferro. Ultimately, it was decided to house the shade mechanisms in boxes finished in pecky cypress to match the woodwork in that space. The lower six boxes already have been converted and wired, and you will note a 1-1/2" slot on the backside of the box flap, through which the shade material will be lowered. The upper boxes will be similarly constructed except for the west window, where a totally different approach was needed to accommodate the use of that space. This Much needed project should be finished by March.

The upper balcony (mezzanine) will become the MacKoul/Klein Library, done primarily in the style of a Starbucks. As a first for St. John's, there will be wireless Internet access from that area and the Hall below. Even this seemingly modest improvement raised the technical question of how, on the one hand, to protect access to our server, while providing unrestricted but controlled access to the Internet. We anticipate this upgrade will be completed by April.

Capital Campaign Financial Report

As of December 31, 2009, expenses have totaled \$3,780,552.73, which includes \$643,594.00 from the Plummer Foundation applied to pay down the line of credit on The Cathedral School. The available funds as of that date equal \$138,666.56. Significant additional pledges were received in December, and total parishioner contributions from the inception through December 31, 2009, have exceeded \$3.28 million. This represents about 83 % of the original parishioner pledge total. The details of the expenditures appear in the table at the conclusion of this article.

If you have any questions about Capital Campaign work or have other topics that may interest you, please email me at Rhyde@saintjohnscathedral.org or leave a phone message at 632-9104, ex. 21.