



Parish of St. Timothy

Kitchen Update September 25, 2016

In God's Living Room

With the hall still off limits as a construction zone at the start of the school year, St. Timothy's had to be creative in accommodating our resident before-and-after-school care: Treasure Island. With only two days' notice, supervisor Agnes Fejer was able to liaise with licensing officers from the City of Burnaby to enable the children to meet on the main floor until the hall was deemed safe and functional.

With the assistance of parishioners, the pews were moved to the sides on two successive Sunday evenings and back on Friday afternoons in time for the Korean church service. It was a little like playing "Rush Hour" with 150 kg pieces.



Thanks to our Sasen team, the drywalling of the kitchen on the exterior and a couple of other safety considerations were quickly taken care of, and Treasure Island moved back into the hall on September 21, 2016 – the first day of fall! Although the kitchen is still not ready, our ministry to the community continues and we are grateful for the goodwill of all who made it possible.

Revised Schedule of Work

As we reach the end of September, it is evident that the kitchen renovation project will not be completed according to our original timeline. However, the good news is that which was unknown is dealt with (as much as we know about now, at least), and the components are beginning to come together. Electrical and plumbing are now roughed in, and the sacristy once again has a functioning sink with hot and cold water and a real drain. The outside outlet for water has been upgraded and protected from accidental use and vandalism.



There is some good news to report. The architect, Keith Donald, was on site Thursday September 22 to inspect the work so far.

On Friday the tiling to the hall floor was repaired. Tomorrow a load of topsoil will be delivered to the church to refurbish the flower beds and lawn.

Meanwhile, the ongoing saga of the venting system is continuing. The parts are ordered and due on site in the next two weeks. It looks like the serving hatch is just wide enough to allow the vent hood to fit into the new room since the doors are now framed in!

Unfortunately, not much can happen until the vent hood arrives and is installed. The electrical is waiting on it and the walls cannot be insulated and closed in until the electrical passes inspection. Then final measurements can be made for cabinetry and the stainless steel counters. From that point, it is two more weeks for the millwork to arrive on site and appliances to be fitted in.

All this means that the parish is looking now at a completion date well into November. The Reign of Christ is a day when we pray that our kitchen as well as God's kingdom will come.

Cost Overruns

We continue to monitor expenditures for the kitchen renovation project closely. Although there have been extra work orders for unexpected changes to our sequencing, these fall within the contingencies of categories in the renovation budget. A couple of jobs had to be done before the main bulk of similar work in order to get the hall restored for use with the daycare. The dry-walling of the outside of the kitchen and the re-tiling of a small section of the hall floor were completed ahead of the remainder of dry-walling and floor finishing, and thus constitute some additional costs.

One area that was not well outlined in the project was a lighting plan. Originally the existing lights were going to be re-purposed. It is recognized now that there is a necessity for additional lighting in several areas, such as the west door entryway and over the prep sinks in the new kitchen. Thanks to Sasen Renovations and Fitterer Electric, this is now being addressed in a cost-effective and power-smart way.

Community Groups Return

As the hall moves back into service, we prepare to welcome the following community groups among us:

Stand Up for Mental Health (SMH)	October 4
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	October 5
11th Brownies Troop	October 6

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank will not resume its depot for distribution at St. Timothy's until the kitchen is completed and has passed inspection for occupancy. At that time, our food ministry can expand to support the

clients. Up to this point, the Parish Hosts program has provided coffee, tea, and bananas on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 when the Food Bank is in operation. With the reconfigured hall and serving hatch, this hospitality can be offered for the hour of distribution between 12 noon and 1 pm. Not only will this give our volunteers a shorter working day; it may also provide an opportunity for fellowship amongst the clients with a couple of "bistro" tables set up for their enjoyment.

How You Can Help

At this stage in the project, there are still ways you can help bring our new kitchen into being:

1. Volunteer in the garden to help spread soil, weed, and move plants into their new homes
2. If you have taken Food-Safe course, ensure the parish office has a copy of your certificate. This fall is a good time to commit to taking the one-day course or doing it online. Ask the parish office for details.
3. Get a group together to come up with a proposal for a grant application to start a food ministry project. The Greater Vancouver Food Bank has offered support in partnering for a community kitchen or workshops on site. How about a teaching evening for an ethnic food or healthy and inexpensive family meal?
4. All donations received in the next three months are eligible for a tax receipt from St. Timothy's. Mark your contribution "kitchen renovation project" on your offering envelope or speak to our parish treasurer, Vern Seel, for giving options.
5. How can you help thank all of the donors, volunteers, and workers on this project? Put yourself forward to help plan and bring about a "Thanks-for-Giving" tea, even if it happens after Thanksgiving. Got an idea for a fundraiser? Write a proposal for parish council, meeting next on Thursday October 20, 2016.