

Vestry Highlights from 4-19-16

Holy Conversation finished on Apr. 23rd. At the May vestry meeting, the vestry will work on the process to make recommendations to the profile committee based on the information from the Holy Conversation surveys.

3 Year Budget - Regarding the 3 year budget, Kyle King urged the vestry to keep an eye on budget entries. He also stated that the Finance Committee is developing an outline to clarify their purpose, responsibilities and procedures. The Finance Committee will serve as an advisory board to the vestry.

Hall Rental - Rental fees were decided upon: \$650.00 for non-profit groups, \$750.00 for general public, and a donation will be expected from parishoners, (amount yet to be determined), and security fees will be out of pocket. Deanna Leicht has spent many hours researching this and found that destruction and security were the main issues for most others renting their facilities. We will require security which is included in rental cost. Details on specific use items are listed on lease.

Clothing Closet – Deanna Leicht will be overseeing the set up of a Clothing Closet that will provide professional clothing to those who have an interview or who have just started a job which requires clothing they might not be able to afford. We would like to use volunteers from St. Paul's as well as students from Spring Arbor University, to run the closet. We also need a catchy name for it and would like your help with suggestions. The closet will contain both men and women's attire, including jewelry and accessories.

Convention Delegates – Fr. Rich has asked the 3 outgoing vestry members to canvas the congregation for lay delegates to the convention. We will need 3 delegates and 2 alternates. St. Paul's By-Laws state that the nominating committee shall consist of the 3 outgoing vestry members plus 2 non-vestry members. Our outgoing vestry members are, Bob Duke, Margaret O'Connor and Loren Swanson. They will need to find 2 non-vestry members to form the committee. They will also be checking for people to serve on vestry as well. The nominating committee needs to provide the

vestry with names no later than July for the October Convention. The convention is in Lansing on October 21-22.

Defib. – Wayne Frey informed the vestry that Consumers Energy has donated a used defibrillator machine that still has 1 year left on its battery pack.

Parish Life Ministries – Carrie Grant brought up the fact that M & O takes on some events because no one else is doing them. The vestry discussed bringing back a parish life ministry to develop events/ideas. The vestry supports the formation of this committee.

8:00 Music clarification – Fr. Rich reiterated that the 8:00 service will be a silent service under his tenure.

Seminarian – All Saints Episcopal Church in E. Lansing has a postulant for Holy Orders needing to complete a field education piece. She ultimately would like to go into interim ministry. The diocese has recommended St. Paul's as a parish for her to complete this piece. Our responsibility would be to name a lay team to advise and mentor her. She will focus on preaching, worship formation, hymn selection and assisting the priest.

Treasurer's Report – The balance sheet is healthy in cash. One adjustment will need to be made to the Comerica account. The difference on the yearly beginning and ending balance will be adjusted in the Unrecognized gains/losses line which adjusts our balance so we are now back on track. We are currently a little bit ahead on pledges this year from last year.

These are your vestry highlights. Remember, vestry minutes are posted on the vestry bulletin board in the office hallway.

Thank you,

Kim Perlos