

St. Paul's Church – Hamilton, MT – Agenda  
Regular Business Meeting of the Vestry  
19 May 2019, 1115 AM

Opening Prayer and Call to Order

Clergy Report – Fr Dennis

Stewardship Team – Father Campbell is gathering data on history of pledges, church attendance and participation. Plans on using a program called Consecration Sunday to shape the stewardship program. Key components are getting as many people as possible from congregation to attend the Consecration Sunday where a catered meal is provided as a gift from the church leadership. We will have a stewardship sermon that Sunday, then explain that this year won't be a pledge card stewardship drive but we will be using "estimate of giving" cards. Father Campbell has already purchased these cards. Initial date for Consecration Sunday was set for the 29<sup>th</sup> of September so we can have this celebration before calendars get full and we compete with community and regular fall events. Kathy Milne's name was presented as a possible choice for leading the coordination of this event. Father Campbell will speak with Kathy and see if she is open to taking this on as the lead.

Strategy/Vision Task Group – Chris Brewer is leading the strategy and strategic vision effort.

Congregational Meetings – As part of his consultation role, Father Campbell recognizes that congregational meetings are necessary to help heal the church and parishioners. With a church this size sometimes can be counter-productive and he is focusing on individual meetings to help with healing the history and trauma of the church. He is planning to maybe hold congregational meetings in late summer or early fall that may be more aligned with moving the church forward. Individual meetings will continue.

Sr. Warden's Report – Jocelyn Snider

- Jocelyn spoke with the Diocese and we do only have two delegates for the Bishop selection special convention. This is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. There will be "walk about" session in Missoula prior to the convention that is critical to parishes having a chance to meet the candidates. Father Campbell's "letter" still resides in his old parish, he may move this here but it depends on circumstances in Arkansas and this could affect his ability to have a vote for the bishop here in Montana.

Jr Warden Report – Paul Nelson

- Kneelers – Paul believes the cheaper and preferred option is to reinstall the attached kneelers. Father Campbell asked if he could look into the cost of free floating kneelers. One concern about attaching the kneelers is that it will cause the pews to move more which may require us to attach the pews to the floating floor.

Approval of the minutes – Motion passed

Approval of Financial report – Motion passed

Continuing Business –

Spring Cleanup – Need to re-schedule. Need to add some tasks that need to be accomplished: Staining and putting down no-slip on the front steps and ramp; wood polish inside of church; repairs to the sign. New date scheduled for 15 June.

Sprinkler Maintenance – All sprinkler heads need to have grass cut away from canisters. System is not turned on yet. Dutch and Chris Brewer tried to get the system started but all valves are leaking which is resulting in insufficient water flow to run sprinklers.

50 Mile Yard Sale – Bill will coordinate the event and sign up St. Paul's for the brochure. We will ask that people don't bring much prior to the week of the event.

New Business –

Summer vestry meetings – by canon we are only required to meet 8 times a year. Father Campbell will be gone in June and July. Decision was made to not hold vestry meeting in June or July. If a meeting is needed or decisions require a meeting we will coordinate one as needed with the members available.

Adjournment – Close with prayer at 1210pm