

2016 St. Paul Committee Reports

Risk Committee – Jeff Wiese:

The committee was formed four years ago with the responsibility of identifying and mitigating threats to the safety and security of the congregation, facility, and grounds. In 2016 we wrapped-up our activity on known areas of concern. We provided Parish Council recommended updates to the St Paul Policies and Procedures Manual section on sexual misconduct prevention. We also provided an emergency action checklist for the church school and are providing a tailored version for the rest of the church building. We will continue to monitor all areas of risk with the aide of our parish insurance company's website and provide quarterly announcements/reminders in the bulletin and after Liturgy. The current members are Jeff Wiese, David Short, Susan Ruh, Tammy Abshear, and Matt Newton.

Sunday School – Kerrie Wiese:

The church school/youth group program has 53 students enrolled for 2016-2017. This is a 15% increase over the enrollment for 2015-2016. Over 1/3 of the student enrollment is in the Pre-K to K classroom which emphasizes the current demographics of the St. Paul parish. Each year the church school/youth group sponsors the annual angel tree and at least one other service project. This year the students baked items and assembled Pascha baskets for members of our parish. The church school is always looking for members to teach or sit as chaperones. Please see Kerrie Wiese if you are interested in helping.

Altar Servers – Art Schwaninger:

I continue to be proud of the performance of all of my Altar Boys. They are all most eager to do a good job. In truth, it's not as easy as they make it look. The only problem I have is one they have no control over and that is getting to church much BEFORE the start of service. Actually they should be in place to fold their robes and get assignments at least 15 minutes before the start of service, the operative words being, "at least". There are many tasks that I do that they could be doing. One thing that needs to be done is determine which ones will be candles and which ones will be crosses (if we need them) and who will be the censer bearer. This is in a constant state of flux depending on the time of their arrival. However, with the current group, they are well trained enough to figure it out themselves and reshuffle at a moment's notice.

We are currently training the Diaconate Candidates to be Altar Servers. Along the line of tasks that need to be done, I will make a checklist of the tasks that need to be performed before service starts as well as at the appropriate times during the service. As much as I enjoy serving in this capacity, I suppose my retirement is inevitable...eventually.

Social Committee – Alyson Turri

The social committee has had a great year! We organized an outing to the Dayton Dragons in July which was attended by 45 parish members and friends. It was fun to see St. Paul's Church up on the big screen! August was a busy month - we had a canoeing trip down the Little Miami river and a group outing to see La Comedia's presentation of The Wizard of Oz. Our last event of the year was in October, when 60 people came to Tom's Corn Maze to share in some fun, food and a really big bonfire! Many who attended commented on how wonderful it is to have a chance to share time together, and members of the parish are already coming up with more ideas for what will come next! Events like these help to strengthen the bonds among members, and are an important part of building a legacy that we will all pass along to the next generation of our parish.

Our parish Feast Day theme this year was a celebration of St. Paul's missionary journey. We extended an invitation to our friends from Annunciation Greek church and retraced St. Paul's footsteps by sampling foods from the Mediterranean region.

There have also been other outings organized by members of the church including regular Ladies' Nights and Guys' Nights. The annual church talent show is always a wonderful way to showcase the talents of our parishioners - thanks to all who participated!

The committee is always looking for people to help! Please contact Alyson Turri (aturri@gmail.com) if you have an idea for a future event. What are your interests? What are you good at, that you would love to share with others? You can also help out with events already planned...we have more ideas just waiting for someone to help with the details! We are also open to ideas for events even if you don't have time to plan them yourself.

The next social event will be a Chili Cook-off on Nov 12.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment Links

Below are the links to the proposed bylaw amendments that will be brought to a vote at the annual meeting.

Revised Bylaws:

www.stpdayton.org/2016_Revised_Bylaws.pdf

Marked-up version showing the changes:

www.stpdayton.org/annotated_bylaw_changes.pdf

Current bylaws:

www.stpdayton.org/ParishBylaws.pdf

St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church

2017 Pledge Drive

This commitment I make in remembrance of Christ:

1. To pray daily.
2. To receive Holy Communion frequently.
3. To come to Holy Confession at least once a year.
4. To return to God the first fruits of the gifts He has bestowed on me.
5. To assist in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in Dayton/Richmond and beyond.
6. To live out my personal commitment to Christ through loving service to others.
7. To support my parish, my diocese and national church of which I am an essential part.

To My Co-Workers in Christ and Fellow Members of St. Paul Church I pledge to give in support of the Parish General Fund:

\$ _____

_____ per week

_____ per month

_____ per year

Please Print Your Name (s): _____

Signature (s) _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Notes :

1. If you are currently unable to make a financial pledge, but still wish to be a member, please contact Fr. Ted.
2. For every pledging member, the first \$200 you give to the parish merely covers the assessment given to the diocese and national church as our fair share in support of their ministries.

For example: If a husband and wife pledge \$1000/year to the church, both are counted as members and therefore the first \$400.00 of the pledge goes to the diocese leaving only \$600/year for the Parish.

Please return this form to Fr. Ted or Mary Kay Smith by December 18th.

St. Paul Orthodox Church 2017 Absentee Ballot

Parish Council: There are Three (3) positions available. Everyone can cast Three (3) votes.
Please place an "X" in the box beside the candidates of your choice.

- Rebecca Barone
- Bruce Garber
- Janine Elash
- Write In: _____

Auditors: There are two (2) positions available. Everyone can cast two (2) votes.
Please place an "X" in the box beside the candidates of your choice.

- Dave Cooper
- Joanna Newton
- Write In: _____

Diocesan Council: There is one (1) position available. Everyone can cast one (1) vote.
Please place an "X" in the box beside the candidate of your choice.

- Ann McLarnan
- Write In: _____

Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes: Please place an "X" in the box beside your vote.

- Approve
- Disapprove

Approval of Budget as it is proposed: Please place an "X" in the box beside your vote.

- Approve
- Disapprove

Approval of Bylaws as it is proposed: Please place an "X" in the box beside your vote.

- Approve
- Disapprove

(Print Name)

(Please Sign)

(Date)