

Technology

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The Technology Committee is basically TaMara, Walt and me. I am pleased to say that St. Paul's is moving more closely to a better place technologically.

- Live Streaming Installation began yesterday and is projected to be completed by the end of the week. The system should be truly fantastic, and I am excited to see it come alive.
 - We will need to recruit people to run the system, it is a full-time job when a service or event is going on. The system does not run itself.
 - A new desktop computer will be/has been purchased to go with the system (this was included in the overall expense). The computer will help project graphics, run inserted videos, and check on outgoing quality. We will also purchase a monitor; I plan on going to Micro Center today.
- I discovered this weekend that the UPS in the Admin (Megan's) office has died. Many of the outlets are no longer working. I will be buying a new UPS for the Admin office and one for the Rector's office. If I can get a new battery for the old UPS, I will put that UPS in the middle office for our server. I will also check the UPS in George's office.
- Question: what would you like done with the extra computers and monitors? All but one is in working condition, albeit old technology. One of the working computers will need its power supply replaced.
- A new Copier has been leased and should arrive soon.
- I will be ordering a new microphone to go with our second wireless microphone.
- I purchased a new video card (my gift) for the computer in the admin office.
- The website crashed due to a computer language issue. It crashed on Thursday 17 MAR. Our website host is GO DADDY and is managed by Olmstead. In reality we do not need the manager as we can do everything directly with Olmstead and we would own our own domain. At present Olmstead owns stpaulschurchflint.com. The church owns stpaulsflint.org. Our daughter site: paul.stpaulsflint.org operates on our server (in the

middle office) and we own it. Someday, it might be best to put our domain in our name and eliminate Olmstead.

- Google for non-profits makes it possible to have group mail, assign forwarding addresses and user addresses. It also has group google chat, google docs and a host of other cloud services. It is totally free. At this point I am the only person with administrative access to the Google suite workspace. Megan has access and is working to learn the system. I would think another admin would be helpful.
- stpaulsflint@gmail.com has served as a general email address for the church. I believe five people have the login and password for the address which makes it totally non-confidential. When a person sends a note from this address it may be perceived as a message from the church. I would suggest that we hang on to the address (account) but that we change the password and allow it to be monitored by Edythe. I also suggest we move it off our website in exchange for office@stpaulschurchflint.com which goes to Megan. The password would be entrusted to Edythe and the Rector.
- Our official Face Book page is currently administered by Walt after a trying romp through the paperwork changing admin. I would suggest no more than three admins: Walt/Edythe, Rector and SW. We can add editors who would be permitted to add content etc.

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