**Treasurer’s Report**

**96th Annual Diocesan Convention April 21, 2018**

**Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan**

Madam President,

In my annual report, I noted that there were a few areas where some parish Councils could improve with regards to financial matters. Council Treasurers may contact me if they need help in preparing a budget or if they need some guidelines about what should be done during an annual examination of the books at the parish council level. I encourage all Treasurers to share a brief financial report at your meetings throughout the year so that your members are aware of how the Council’s money is being spent. I am looking forward to an update of the *Guidelines for Treasurers* which Janet McLean, the National Secretary-Treasurer, is planning to do.

In 2017, the Doreen Melton Scholarship Fund (an endowment fund we have entrusted with the Foundation of SJS/NTC) we received $550 in donations and earned $994. As such, the scholarship amount given to the seminarian was increased to $750 this year. Adam Rieger, who received the scholarship yesterday, was very appreciative.

I also wanted to share with you that the City of Fort Saskatchewan, through its Tourism Hosting Grant Program, awarded $2,500 to be used for the 2018 Edmonton Diocesan Convention. This can be used to offset the cost of the facility rental and promotional items and will help to decrease the amount of the deficit that had been budgeted.

A quick reminder that the Parish Remittance form is available on the website and has been included in the Parish Council packages.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the Financial Statements for 2017 as presented in the convention report booklet. There is a correction to be made on the Balance Sheet page. The amount for the 2016 Inventory-National Supplies should be $2,727 making the 2016 Total Current Asset amount $86,275. It has also been pointed out that the Income Statement is missing from the Annual Convention booklet. The complete financial report had been sent out earlier.

This concludes my report. Are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted,

For God and Canada

Jean Ashdown

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