NEW PRAIRIE SOCIETY OFFICERS RECOMMENDED--TO BE VOTED ON AT MAY PARISH MEETING

A new slate of officers has been selected by the Prairie Society Committee on Committees, and the Executive Board has accepted the nominations. The whole of Prairie Society will vote on them at the Annual Meeting, May 21st.

Nominated for board positions are: Al Nettleton, president; Steve Friedman, vice-president; Rosemary Dorney, secretary; Pat Werner, treasurer; Mark McElreath, program; Pat Caultley, religious education; Charlie Davidson, long-range planning; Rebecca French, social action; and Roland Parrish, finance. George Calden was nominated chairman of the ministerial relations committee.

The committee on committees--Rebecca Clark, Al Nettleton, and George Calden--also made these recommendations to the board for appointed committee chairmen: Betsy Roberts, denominational affairs; Vina Novak, membership; Vivian Meyer, hospitality; Mary Lou Diehl, publicity; Fran Remelka, housing and property.

Nominations for any of these positions can be made at the time of the Annual Meeting, to be voted on with the rest of the recommended slate of officers.

A ROTATING LAY MINISTRY SUGGESTED FOR PRAIRIE SOCIETY FOR NEXT YEAR

If the proposal recently endorsed by the Executive Board is approved by the membership at the May annual meeting, next year Prairie Society will have three different leaders, each serving for three months.

This novel solution to the problem of replacing Dave Meyer when he leaves this summer was recommended by Prairie's "soul searching" committee composed of George Calden, Theron Caldwell, Charlie Davidson, Aileen Nettleton, Roland Parrish, and Martha Willard.

Full details of their proposal are being worked out now, and more information about it will be presented prior to the May parish meeting.

The committee contacted a variety of "experts" who suggested alternatives for Prairie leadership, and the committee considered information gathered from Prairie Society members through small group meetings and questionnaires.

Tentative plans are for the three different leaders to be selected from within and from outside the Prairie membership and to be given a fairly free hand at using their talents.

Charlie Davidson expressed this view: "New blood, new life, new ideas, and change are necessary to maintain the dynamic quality so consistently insisted upon by our group. The solution which we see as making the best of these conflicting pressures is that of the Rotating Lay Ministry."

MAY 6 -- SOCIAL ACTION AUCTION -- MAY 6

The social action committee--having pledged $50 per month to the St. Andrews Community Emergency Fund--needs the help of the rest of the Prairie family to continue this commitment. You are therefore invited to a raisinig party on Saturday, May 6, at 8 p.m. at the Clarks', 112 Waban Hill. The price of admission is a contribution, our auction(one of the thrill-packed events of the evening) either a white elephant article, a craft item or something edible. Bring donations to church THIS Sunday or to the Clarks' during the next week.

BASMENT SALE!

A joint Prairie-Portal-Foster basement sale will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portal-Foster Center. We need your castaways from that Spring Cleaning Spree--anything but old clothing. For details about how you can help, call Hermine Davidson at 222-4280, co-chairman.
UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 30 - GALA MAY DAY CELEBRATION! the whole family invited to participate in grand festivities; DANCING, MUSIC, DRAMA. ******** FERTILITY RITES AT THEIR BEST!

May 1 - "Man, Nature and Change" Darrell Morrison, Dept. of Landscape Architecture

May 14 - "The Electronic Battlefield"

May 21 - Annual meeting for:

...election of officers...approval of By-Law changes
...approval of rotating lay ministry proposal...fundraising and good cheer...

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS PROPOSED - TO BE VOTED ON AT MAY ANNUAL MEETING

The following changes in the Prairie Society By-Laws are recommended by the Executive Board. Bob Siegfried suggested the changes after he became aware of the need for them as chairman of the finance committee.

If approved by the membership, the revised By-Laws will read:

Article V, section 8. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held each year in the month of May, at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Executive Board. The principal business shall be the election of officers.

Article V, section 3. The Executive Board, after due consideration of the tentative budget, shall adopt an operating budget. The budget so adopted shall be published to the Society's membership within one month of its adoption by the Board. Unless and until changed by the action of a business meeting of the Active members of the Society (in accordance with Article V, section 1), the budget so adopted constitutes the operating budget of the Society.

Article VIII, section 1. (Remember present section and add these:)

b) In the light of cumulative experience, the Finance Committee may recommend to the Executive Board, changes in the definition of the Fiscal Year. Such definition shall become operable in accordance with the approval of the Board.

c) After conducting a pledge drive, and/or by any other reasonable means, estimating the expected income for the next Fiscal Year, the Finance Committee shall prepare a tentative budget to be submitted to the Board for final consideration and approval.

d) The tentative operating budget shall be completed before the beginning of the Fiscal Year, or as early in the Fiscal Year as is feasible.