

Minutes for Parish Council meeting held on April 30, 2017, third Sunday of Pascha

Call to order and prayer

President Georgia Maheras called the meeting to order and Father Andreas led the attendees in prayer.

Attendees

PC members present at the meeting were Father Andreas, Georgia Maheras, Justin Griffing, Vasilios Contis, Roy Barnes, Nectar Rorris, Nancy Trombley, and Nick Pitt.

New Business

1. Auditing Committee
 - a. Paul and John spoke to the PC with business related to the Auditing Committee. Auditors note that all the financial books of the parish should be audited, and not merely the checking account. Auditors note that they have had difficulty obtaining bank statements from Treasurer. Auditors note an approximate \$2000 discrepancy which they will further investigate. Auditors note a need for a central folder where all financial statements should be maintained. Auditors note a lack of prompt payment regarding parish utility accounts. Auditors note that transfers between parish accounts are not always documented and that too many separate accounts exist. Georgia and Vasili will meet to consolidate accounts. Auditors note a \$1200 withdrawal from the festival account where there was no receipt to document in what manner the funds were spent. Georgia discusses various measures we will adopt to aid auditors in their work. Justin notes that Uniform Parish Regulations indicate that the Auditing Committee should report to the General Assembly.
2. General Assembly
 - a. The General Assembly is scheduled for May 21, 2017.
 - b. Georgia notes that we need a firm stewardship list for the Assembly. Georgia asks whether or not we wish to include as stewards those who regularly give to the parish but who have not executed a giving card. Fr. Andreas believes we should include such as stewards. PC adopts Fr. Andreas' recommendation.
 - c. Fr. Andreas asks for an updated list of contributors. Nick and Vasili will provide the list to Father.
 - d. As a follow-up from the last General Assembly, Georgia will speak to the Community Center trustees regarding a 1999 loan from the parish.
3. Planning Committee update
 - a. Justin will present an outline at the General Assembly for revitalizing stewardship.
 - b. Justin reviews salient points from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America "Go and Make Disciples: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Parishes" document.

- c. Nectar notes that other parishes throughout the diocese are facing some of the same issues as we.
4. Stewardship Committee
 - a. Nick will lead stewardship and confer with Dave.
5. Pews
 - a. Theodora addresses pews. She notes that the cost of repairing the current pews will approximate the cost of buying new hardwood pews at 28K.
 - b. Discussion ensues about the place of pews within the Orthodox Tradition.
 - c. Theodora will make a presentation to the General Assembly.
6. Financials
 - a. Vasili will give an update on 2016 financials at the General Assembly.
7. Community Center trustees.
 - a. Georgia says we need to select Community Center trustees.
8. Accounts and expenses
 - a. Nick notes that we need to be very clear regarding what accounts are eligible for what kinds of expenses.
9. Pangari
 - a. Justin motions that we designate one Sunday a year for donations to the Food Shelf and that we limit the placement of the Food Shelf donation container on the pangari to that day, further motioning the same for OCMC donations. Nick Seconds. Motion carries.
10. Clergy-Laity award nominations.
 - a. Nancy is nominated. The Michaelides are alternates.

Adjournment

1. Nick motions we adjourn. Justin seconds. The motion carries.

Signature Authority

Rev. Fr. Andreas Papayiannis

Georgia Maheras, Parish Council President

Roy Barnes, Secretary