

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
Annual Parish Meeting
9/21/2014

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m.

II. Review and Acceptance of Last Year's Minutes

- a. There were 29 Parish members in attendance. Motion to accept this as a quorum was accepted by all.
- b. All Parish members read the 2013 meeting minutes. 1st motion to accept – Mary Troy; 2nd - Peter Mason. All were in favor.

III. Election of Parish Council Members

- a. There are three openings in the Parish Council. New members will include Tina Gilson, Patrick Byrnum and Eugene Ponomarev. Returning members include Rdr. Benjamin Tolleson, Hilda Farris, and Rebecca Villarreal.

IV. Financial Report –Mary Troy

- a. Other Income: The gains in the S&P Index Fund can only be used for purchasing property.
- b. Our net income was -\$3,982.19. This year, we need to take in approximately \$9,576/month.
- c. Items to note: Fr. Leo has not received a raise in the past five years. We have not been able to add any money to the deferred maintenance fund.

V. 2015 Annual Budget

- a. The 2015 Operational Budget was projected to be \$102,192.04.
- b. The mortgage balance was carried over from 2014; the amount was \$12,720.
- c. The budget including the two amounts above totals \$114,912.04.
- d. Suggestions from Parish Members to Lower Costs/Raise Funds:
 - One General Offering envelope to include different funding selections
 - Office Supplies – create a list of supplies that are needed and ask for donations from Parishioners.
 - Bulletins: Possibly print in black and white; keep the cover uniform with the exception of Feast Days.
 - Place a donation basket in the Narthex during Holy Week, holidays, etc.
 - Many ideas have been offered regarding Parish Fundraising Projects, but there needs to be a time constraint – to be determined by the Parish Council.
 - Encourage members of the Parish to attend Parish Council meetings to discuss fundraising projects.

VI. Pastor's Report – Fr. Leo

- a. Announced 4 new baptisms, one marriage, 2 catechumens. Also discussed decline in attendance.
- b. Mentioned important activities/conferences including Parish retreat, Pastoral Conference, Diocesan Assembly in San Antonio.
- b. Discussed the need for background checks for anyone 18 years of age or older who has a teaching/volunteering role with the Parish youth. The Diocese will pay for Fr. Leo only.

VII: Parish Council's Report

- a. The main concern for this year was the water intrusion under the North and Western sides of the Parish. Several steps have been taken to remedy the situation, including contact with licensed structural engineer, Kirk Gregory, and Nick Ozerov.
- b. The Parish Council, under the suggestion of Fr. David Rucker and Mt. Roxanne, would like to implement a new ministry procedure to promote expanded stewardship.
- c. A new form of electronic payment for candles and general offerings was introduced.

VIII: Committee Reports

I. Building Committee

- a. All communication and planning was conducted via e-mail and verbal communication.
- b. Some of the projects discussed included the water intrusion, cleaning of the wood flooring, drainage improvement, window repair and exterior painting.
- c. Projects that need further exploration: Vacant and existing lot development.
- d. Completed projects included: Annual HVAC System maintenance and engineering evaluation.

II. Brotherhood

- a. Upcoming events included a get-together at Fr. Leo's house and beer brewing.
- b. The Brotherhood will be partially funding the St. Anthony Food Bank.
- c. At the time of their report, they had \$1,224.00 in their account.

III. St. Anthony's Book Store

- a. Relocation to the back of the Fellowship Hall created better visibility
- b. Future plans include purchasing a lockable display case and expanding hours of operation.
- c. At the time of their report, the book store's balance was \$1,597.62.

IV. Sisterhood

- a. New members were elected on 8/10/14 and sworn in on 9/14/14.
- b. There were many activities over the past year including a Christmas Bake Sale, luncheons and dinners.
- c. The Sisterhood also made a monetary contribution to the Parish Food Bank.

V. Flowers & Cakes

- a. Funding for the Flower Ministry is provided through Parishioner and Committee donations.
- b. Margaret Benke was primarily responsible for the flower purchases. She also made several of the cakes for various gatherings and special occasions.

VI. Teen Group

- a. St. Anthony's Teen Group was led by Erik Wiggins.
- b. Officers included: LeAnna Brooks, Eric Gilson, Natasha Chick and Nicole Kaye.
- c. The group hosted 4 luncheons, assisted with the Food Bank and had one group outing.

VIII. Stewardship Committee Evangelism Report

- a. The general focus of the Committee was to establish and maintain charitable outreach.
- b. Their successful activities/projects included the Food Bank, weekly pantry day, led by Patrick Quilty, Parish Book Club, headed by Rdr. Benjamin Tolleson, Christmas caroling and attending the St. Mary's interfaith symposium.

IX. Closing Prayer

- a. The Annual Parish Council Meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.