

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT ORTHODOX CHURCH
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2015

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rdr. Benjamin Tolleson
Hilda Farris
Tina Gilson
Rebecca Villarreal
John Troy
Eugene Ponomarev

CLERGY

Fr. Leo Poore

EXCUSED MEMBERS

Patrick Burnham
Peter Mason

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Mary Troy

AGENDA ITEM I: Opening Prayer and Call to Order

The meeting opened with the singing of O Heavenly King and was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM II: Re-Commitment of Oath of Office

Recited by Tina Gilson

AGENDA ITEM III: Review & Acceptance of January Minutes

Motion to accept 1st Rdr. Benjamin; 2nd Hilda; all accept

AGENDA ITEM IV: Financial Report

- a. Total income & donations are up from last year with the same number of Sundays.
- b. Service charge of \$4.00 – request of stop payment in July.
- c. Membership HOA \$50 for LaVaca neighborhood.
- c. Fr. Leo's income has not gone down – payments can come in at different times. If 1st or 15th is on a weekend, the payment may come in late or early.
- d. Gas & electric bill – December and January were paid in January. We are in the black!
- e. Fundraiser Thermometer will be put up on Sunday 2/15/15. Plan is to raise \$10,000 by 9/1/15.

AGENDA ITEM V: Pastor's Report

- a. Fr. Leo and lay delegate Steven Baine will be leaving Sunday afternoon to Miami for Special Diocesane Assembly. The Conference will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- b. Parishioner in hospital with the flu.
- c. House blessings are over.
- d. Sunday of Orthodoxy will be held at St. Ephraim's at 6 pm.
- e. Fr. asked one of our Parish member to create new Baptism Certificates.
- f. Nick Ozerov will be coming on Monday 2/16 to work on flashing. Purchased 3 16' of siding.
- g. The next Baptism will take place in mid-March – Maria & Patrick Quilty's daughter Ludmila.

AGENDA ITEM VI: Old Business

- a. Icon Project – e-mail sent to Dr. Vranes. Included solicitation letter for donations. No icons can be put up until maintenance issues are addressed – water intrusions for foundation; window frames are rotting. Fundraising will continue.
- b. Getting Parish History Pictures from Bob – he most likely has the most information, pictures, etc. Nick Ozerov has a file full of St. Anthony's items – talk to him.
- c. Maintenance Calendar – John Troy is trying to find someone to come out and look at windows. Needs 2 bids. Would like to get the parking lot leveled. Some people have volunteered to put down a few bags of concrete.
- d. New location for Pascha Picnic – Patrick Burnham has visited South Lions Park and took pictures, got information. Hilda – motion to request that Patrick reserve the spot; 2nd Ben; all in favor. Reserve from 2:30 – 6:30
- e. Updating Roles & Responsibilities for Descriptions of Various Officers – completed by Rebecca Villarreal.
- f. Parish e-mail address mystery – Tina will be looking into it
- g. Updating Diocese with Parish's Current Info – in process
- h. Clarifying the Updating of the Calendar on Parish website – seeking clarification from Greg Morrison. Tina and Rebecca will speak with him.

AGENDA ITEM VII: New Business

- a. Luncheon & Coffee Hour Donations are Down – one Member mentioned that, but it was just perceived that the amount was down. Mary Troy will talk to Jamie Armstrong to let her know that if electronic donations are made, she can cut a check for Sisterhood.
- b. Updating Parish Directory – Ann Carter is willing to continue. She is out of the hospital.
- c. Parish Pamphlets Updating – Dr. Vranes took care of it.

AGENDA ITEM VIII: Other Business

- a. Need to contact Police Officer for Pascha

AGENDA ITEM IX: Kudos

- a. Mary & John Troy purchased "Thank You" cards – Margaret Benke, Nick Ozerov & Dr. Vranes and Det. Gregory Smith

AGENDA ITEM X: Upcoming Events

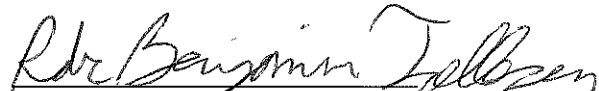
- a. 2/15: Sunday of the Last Judgment/Meat-Fare Sunday
- b. 2/22: Forgiveness Sunday/Cheese-Fare Sunday
- c. 2/23: Great Lent begins
- d. 3/1: Sunday of Orthodoxy, Parish Pot Luck
- e. 3/2: Texas Independence Day
- f. 3/8: Sunday of Saint Gregory the Dialogist

AGENDA ITEM XI: Closing Prayer

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. with the singing of It is Truly Meet.
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015

Accepted by:


Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore


Rdr. Benjamin Tølleson, Parish Council President

