

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT ORTHODOX CHURCH
FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2014

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Troy
Hilda Farris
Erik Wiggins
Rdr. Benjamin Tolleson
Rebecca Villarreal
Peter Mason

CLERGY

Fr. Leo Poore

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 7:10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM II: Re-Commitment to Oath of Office

Recited by John Troy

AGENDA ITEM III: Acceptance of July Minutes

Motion to accept – 1st Rdr. Benjamin; 2nd Erik Wiggins (with corrections)

AGENDA ITEM IV: Financial Report

1. Custom Summary Report

- a. Donations in July were down approximately \$1,000 versus 2013.
- b. We are no longer paying a \$15 bank service fee because the minimum balance requirements have been met.
- c. The U-Verse internet cost has gone up approximately \$5.00 from last year.
- d. We are caught up on bill payments for the month of July.
- d. Additional details can be found in the attached Financial Report.

AGENDA ITEM V: Pastor's Report

a. Diocesan Assembly

- i. It was announced that anyone who holds a leadership role within the Parish must get a background check. The Diocesan of the South will pay for Priests and Deacons; all other background checks need to be paid for by the individual Parishes.
- ii. The lecture included discussions about Post-Christian Society and Marriage

- iii. Also included in the discussion was the fact that hospitals and hospices are making it more difficult for priests to visit.
- b. Great news – our Parish membership is growing!
- d. More great news – Steven and Larissa Moore are expecting another child!
- e. Patrick Quilty has mentioned that the Food Bank is going well. There are approximately 18 – 20 families who have signed up for services through our Parish Food Bank.
- f. New Catechumen – James Long
- g. Chrismation for Donna Lipsey will be held on September 7, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM VI: Old Business

- a. Maintenance Calendar
 - i. The floor cleaning and stripping as quoted by Stanley Steamer will be approximately \$1,200
Motion to proceed: 1st Hilda Farris; 2nd Erik Wiggins. All in favor.
 - ii. The exterior of the Fellowship Hall needs to be painted – last time was 10 years ago.
- b. Electronic Payments
 - i. The card reader for the tablet has been delivered, and the program has been downloaded.
 - ii. Mary Troy will be running a beta test on the program for a few weeks before it is put into use in the Parish.
 - iii. There will be an announcement made in the bulletin regarding the new payment system.
- c. Foundation Work Day
 - i. Mark Freemyer, Steven and Jacob Baines, Benjamin Tolleson, John Troy and Nick Ozerov put the soil in place and re-positioned the down spouts. The project will be finished in a few weeks.
- d. Annual Meeting Preparation
 - i. All Committees have been contacted and need to get their topics of discussion to Rdr. Benjamin Tolleson by September 1, 2014.
 - ii. Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM VII: New Business

- a. Foundation Phase II
 - i. The wall behind the Sanctuary needs to be repaired. The gas line and fence are a concern if soil needs to be dug up. The fence needs to be treated and stained first.
- b. Icon Project Options
 - i. Discussed combining the Maintenance and Icon Project costs.
 - ii. The current plan is to have the Dormition painted on the back wall.
- c. Guest Speaker Fr. Joseph
 - i. Fr. Joseph will be coming on Sunday, September 7, 2014.
- d. Audit Committee
 - i. The Committee currently has two members – Patrick Byrnum and Olga Vargas. It was suggested that Elaine Jenkins will make notes on the audit with Patrick and Olga to review.

e. A/C Service

- i. Mark Freemyer has contacted the company that services our a/c units and they notified him that one of the microchips is cutting off messages to the second compressor. A new thermostat needs to be ordered; delivery time is approximately 6 – 12 weeks.

f. Sunday School Teacher Orientation

- i. David Troy and Jennifer Baine mentioned that the school books and curriculum are old and have not been updated in about ten years.
- ii. Jennifer Baine is the new Sunday School coordinator – taking over for John Mason.
- iii. Sunday School starts on September 14th. A training will be held on Saturday, September 6th for current and new teachers. Substitutes are needed.

AGENDA ITEM VIII: Other Business/Kudos

- a. Kudos to Nick Ozerov for offering his expertise and skills for the Foundation Project.
- b. Twenty copies of the agenda for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting will be available for a few weeks before the meeting. Also, the agenda will be shown on a projector screen the day of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IX: Upcoming Events

- a. Dormition of the Theotokos 8/15
- b. Beheading of John the Baptist 8/29
- c. Nativity of the Theotokos
- d. Beginning of Sunday School 9/7

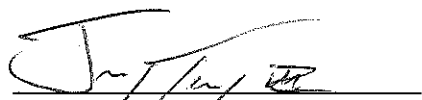
AGENDA ITEM X: Closing Prayer

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with the singing of It is Truly Meet.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014.

Accepted by:


Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore


Jerry Troy, Parish Council President

