

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church Wednesday April 19, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Jenée Blanco
Jeff Bryant
Mark Freemyer
Yevgeny Ponomarev
Jerry Troy
Helen Kaye
Jennifer Baine
Scott Smith

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. with the singing of “Christ is Risen”

II. Reading of the Parish Council Oath of Office: Scott Smith

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

- A. 1st: Helen Kaye 2nd: Jerry Troy; All were in favor.

IV. Financial Report

- A. Donations for March were down ~\$700 below budget with a net monthly loss of -\$252.43.
- B. Mortgage balance is ~\$13,671.82.
- C. The balance sheet indicates that the current checking account balance is \$9,182.92.

V. Pastor’s Report

- A. Fr. Leo was ill and not in attendance but conveyed through the Warden his thanks to all for a blessed Pascha.
- B. Infant Michael Anthony to be baptized Saturday afternoon after Vespers.

VI. Old Business

A. Church Video

- a. Jacob Baine, videographer, won a competition and will be travelling to Europe for the next five months and the project is on hold until his return.

B. Maintenance Calendar

- a. No projects completed in the last month and the calendar continues to be updated.
- b. Boulder Construction was contacted regarding the release of \$3,500.00 for the repair of the window systems approved in March 2017. Meeting at the temple to be scheduled for late April 2017.
- c. Maintain on Old Business.

C. Fundraising Committee

- a. Treasurer is a resource for contact information to reach out to those parishioners who have donated more than \$250.00.
- b. Bulletin announcement along with additional solicitations from Father and the parish council to find a committee chair.
- c. Maintain on Old Business.

D. Retreat

- a. The retreat will be on a Saturday, May 6, 2017. The monks need to know the number of people

- attending and how many attendees need to be fed. All attendees should be briefed regarding the appropriate attire and visitor protocols.
- b. Loose agenda: Leave St. Anthony at 9a, arrive at Holy Archangels with a tour of monastery and talk from Fr. Ephraim. Fr. Leo to conduct a guided discussion thereafter. Concluded by attendance at Vespers.
 - c. Signup sheet will determine whether or not a van or bus will be used for group transportation.
 - d. Maintain on Old Business.
- E. Speaker Lecture
- a. Jerry Troy will contact Fr. Mark Montes as a podcast presenter regarding availability and cost.
 - b. Steven Baine to coordinate technical/AV support.
 - c. First podcast to take place in the summer followed by monthly teachings with a final in person visit to the parish.
 - d. Podcasts to occur on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month in the afternoon before vespers.
 - e. Maintain on Old Business.
- F. St. Macrina Sisterhood
- a. Results of the election: Adrianna Brown, President; Angelina Rodriguez, Vice President; Helen Kaye, Treasurer; Anna Yvagalista, Secretary.
 - b. Social meeting planned at the President's home on May 5, 2017.
 - c. Jennifer Baine planning a bread making class at St. Anthony on April 29, 2017 at 3:30pm.
- G. Planning for Anniversaries
- a. 100th Anniversary of the Temple Building (May 2018) – John Tolleson is the chair person. This coincides with the City of San Antonio's 300th Anniversary.
 - i. Discussion ensued regarding the design and release of a Fiesta medal. Tina Gilson suggests that perhaps a design competition could take place amongst the parish.
 - ii. Volunteers to the committee to be solicited in the bulletin.
 - b. 40th Anniversary of Parish (2019) – This committee now needs a chair person now that Jamie Armstrong has moved to Costa Rica.
 - c. Maintain on Old Business.
- H. Discussing Long-term Plan (Parish Hall 2020)
- a. No change.
 - b. Maintain on Old Business.
- I. Vacant Lot Development
- a. The Building Committee met with DAG and their report is attached.
 - b. In response to the report, the attending parish council was unanimously in favor of pursuing a long term parking lot.
 - c. Maintain on Old Business.
- J. HVAC Proposals
- a. The Building Committee will contact Schmidt Mechanical for an updated proposal to replace the existing unit with 10-ton Trane multi-stage package HVAC system, repair, seal and re-insulate the existing ducting. Current total cost \$23,300.00.
 - b. Warden and bookkeeper will contact Frost Bank for an interim loan for the new system as the parking lot development plans continue for a final larger loan amount.
 - c. Warden also led discussion regarding creative financing with parishioners to fund the project until Frost Bank funds both projects.
 - d. Maintain on Old Business.
- K. Orthodox Coffins
- a. Orthodox Coffins was contacted by Jennifer Baine. A standard coffin was \$2,500.00 and a deluxe coffin was \$3,700.00. No consignment was available.
 - b. St. Ephraim's was contacted with regard to a joint participation. Should either parish have need, the family from the parish will purchase the new coffin.
 - c. Announcement to be made in the bulletin as the council awaits St. Ephraim's decision.

VII. New Business

A. Christian Assistance Ministry

- a. Seeking St. Anthony's to be a part of their annual dinner gala "Feast to Feed". Their goal for the parish would be to sponsor a 10-person table for \$1,500.00. The council recommends that an announcement in the bulletin to see if there would be 10 people to commit to the event.
- b. Maintain on Old Business.

B. Committee Reports

- a. The Sunday School program needs a new elementary school teacher with the departure of Jamie Armstrong.
- b. Maintain on Old Business.

VIII. Other Business- None.

IX. Upcoming Events

- A. Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 10th after Daily Vespers.
- B. Bright Saturday Pan Orthodox Divine Liturgy & Pot Luck Saturday, April 22, 1000am
- C. Spring Retreat to Holy Archangels Monastery, Saturday, May 6, 2017
- D. Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, May 20th, 2017

X. Closing Prayer

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm by the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

Accepted by:

Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore
Priest

Jennifer Baine
Warden