**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church**

**Wednesday January 10, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. Leo Poore

Felipe Arroyo

Jenée Blanco

Jeff Bryant

Mark Freemyer

Helen Kaye

Scott Smith

Jerry Troy

Paul White

Taylor Troy

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. with the singing of “Oh Heavenly King”

II. Reading of the Parish Council Oath of Office: Jerry Troy

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

1. Approval of the December 2017 Minutes. Paul White made the motion. Scott Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IV. Financial Report

1. December donations were up over 2016; however, there were 5 Sundays in this year’s calendar.
2. Just over $500 moved from the checking account into the deferred maintenance account.
3. Today’s actual account balance: $8,951.81
4. Current mortgage principal: $4,540.67
5. Retained earnings now a positive number which reflects the overall fiscal performance of 2017.

V. Priest’s Report

1. Thanks to all parishioners who took part in the cleanup of the temple and the grounds and food preparation associated with Archbishop Alexander’s visit. His visit was considered a success by all.
2. Fr. Leo reported that rumors of his retirement in 2018 are not true. There are no current plans for his retirement.
3. His Eminence was invited to return to St. Anthony’s in January 2019 on the event of the parish’s 40th anniversary.
4. Jamie Armstrong has returned to San Antonio. Unfortunately, he is in poor health and likely on his death bed. He has converted to the orthodox faith and was baptized.
5. Nick Brown’s father has departed and the faithful are encouraged to pray for the Brown family as they travel to New York state for the funeral. Memory eternal!
6. Blessing of the waters San Pedro Park, January 14.
7. Steven Baine has established February 10 as a presentation from Fr. John. Time in the afternoon to be determined.

VI. Old Business

1. Committee Reports
2. Church School: No change.
3. Brotherhood: No change.
4. Sisterhood: The latest bake sale money was used for the cake during the archbishop’s visit. Concern was voiced regarding a lack of cash donations during coffee hour. Current account balance around $1000.
5. Building Committee: No change.
6. Teen Group: No change.
7. Icon project: No change.

B. Background Checks: ongoing for members of the council. Jenee Blanco continues to coordinate.

C. Bundled Mortgage:

1. Cross Construction has provided a formal proposal for window replacement to Jerry Troy. Installation cost - $48,347.00; Window cost - $92,007.00.
2. Insurance was contacted by Taylor Troy and no storm related roof damage was identified by the adjustor. Accurite Roofing has been contacted for both roof repair and replacement. Replacement cost is ~$12,000.00.
3. The parking lot cost from the contractor proposal obtained by Yevgeny Ponomarev was ~$55,000.00.
4. Taylor Troy has contacted Frost Bank’s loan officer Floyd Wilson who will be at the temple Wednesday, January 17 at 1230p to discuss options for structuring the loan.
5. Helen Kaye and Paul White encourage the council to consider multiple lenders. Lenders brought up during the discussion were Security Service Federal Credit Union and Randolph Brooks Credit Union.

D. Speaker lecture: Fr. John, February 10, time to be determined.

E. 100th Anniversary (April 2018): Gus Vangelakos and John Tolleson wrote a report on Henry Giles.

F. 40th Anniversary (January 2019): No change.

G. Agape Picnic: April 8, traffic barriers to block Labor St. require coordination.

H. Long Term Plan (New Fellowship Hall 2020): No change.

I. Philoxenia House: No change.

VII. New Business

1. Food Bank Event: The operational procedure from the Food Bank has changed and the food was literally dropped off and the Food Bank representative left immediately thereafter. Additional fees are required for the removal of packing materials and delivery driver assistance. Discussion ensued, the consensus was to continue the event and to encourage the St. Anthony’s faithful to participate.

VIII. Upcoming Events

1. Blessing of the Waters – San Pedro Park, Sunday, January 14, 2018, 3p.
2. Speaker Lecture – Saturday, February 10, 2018, time to be determined.
3. Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2018 after daily vespers.

IX. Closing Prayer

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46p by the singing of “It is Truly Meet”.

Accepted by:

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Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore Felipe Arroyo

Priest Warden