

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church  
Wednesday December 13, 2017**

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. Leo Poore  
Felipe Arroyo  
Jenée Blanco  
Nick Brown  
Jeff Bryant  
Helen Kaye  
Jerry Troy  
Paul White  
Taylor Troy (Bookkeeper)  
Adriana Brown (Guest)  
Angela Soros (Guest)

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Mark Freemyer  
Scott Smith

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 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

A. Fr. Leo conducted a vote of the approval of the November 2017 Minutes. Jerry made the motion. Nick Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

IV. Financial Report

- A. A special donation of \$1,500 was made to “sponsor a bill” for professional floor cleaning.
- B. Money was transferred to Deferred Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$444.56 on Dec. 12.
- C. The donations received have made up for the previous year’s losses even after the HVAC payment.
- D. We were able to decrease our bill for church envelopes. Taylor updated the account and removed recipients who no longer need the envelopes.
- E. Today’s actual account balance: \$7,731.83

V. Priest’s Report

- A. We will have Christmas caroling on Saturday, Dec. 16, but rain is expected.
- B. We have a hotel room booked for His Eminence Alexander who comes on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018.
- C. Father reminds us about the IMPORTANCE of all parishioners arriving at the Saturday Divine Liturgy (Jan. 6) BEFORE the Archbishop. The Archbishop must be the last to enter the temple. We need to start communicating this to parishioners now.
- D. There will most likely be no Hierarchical Liturgy when the Archbishop is here due to the fact that we have no deacon available. Archimandrite Gerasim is looking into getting a deacon.
- E. Father will have a meeting with the local clergy, Fr. Mark, for planning of the Blessings of the Water in 2018.
- F. Parish Council needs to meet on the Saturday after the Archbishop’s visit to plan the 2018 calendar.

- G. Steven Baine is organizing a lecture for February 2018.
- H. In February 2018 Father Leo goes to the clergy conference
- I. The crowning of Nick & Adriana is scheduled for April 29, 2018. There is another wedding planned in May 2018 and also on July 22, 2018 (Ted & Michelle).
- J. Richard Tausch needs encouragement by parishioners.
- K. Donna Freemyer also needs encouragement as she hasn't been in attendance.

## VI. New Business

### A. Committee Reports

1. Church School: The church school has been rehearsing for the Nativity Play, which will take place this Sunday, Dec. 17 after coffee hour.
2. Brotherhood: Helen spoke for Yvgeny. He has been gathering brothers to paint and clean up the picnic tables. The brotherhood has also been cleaning up the lawn.
3. Sisterhood: Sisterhood will provide food (light meal/soups) for the His Eminence Alexander on Friday after Compline. Sisterhood will provide lunch and will reach out to parishioners to bring sides for the meal after the Saturday morning liturgy and blessing of the waters. Sisterhood will get flowers. NO fish products and NO beans for the Archbishop.
4. Building Committee: A meeting was held last week. Major items were discussed. Parish Council suggests increasing mortgage loan to get all items completed - \$230K mortgage for 30 years. Taylor will go to the bank, and then the Parish Council will need to call a special meeting of the parish to hold a vote for the increased mortgage loan. Items include:
  - a. Received parking lot proposal in writing from Yvgeny's contractor, Ibarra's Remodeling. The cost is \$55,000. The work will take 10-14 days to complete. Includes sidewalks.
  - b. Received a proposal for the roof from Accurite Roofing. The roof has one year of life left. \$900 for a fix-up repair. \$12,800 for a total roof replacement. A suggestion was made to check into insurance company for hail damage.
  - c. We received a bid from Craig Scott of Cross Construction Co. for window repairs.
    1. For total window replacement of 16 windows (materials, installation, and painting) with Guido Lumber Co. windows, the cost is \$152,226.49
    2. For window restoration of the 6 windows on the western wall, the cost is \$66,356.98.
5. Teen Group:
  - a. The teen group has been making monthly donations to two orphanages for 5 months - an orphanage in Guatemala and one in New York.
  - b. Some of the teens helped with the food bank distribution and also helped with decorating the temple for the Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 2. The teens also made St. Nicholas treat bags that were distributed to parish children on Sunday, Dec. 3.
6. Icon project: Fr. Leo has put Don Jenkins in charge of the icon project. Don found someone who can adjust his style to match our icons to complete the Dormition icon in the rear of the Nave.

B. Pascha: The Agape picnic will be held at the church again this year.

C. Annual Food Permit: Adrianna Brown is working on the details for the food permit.

D. Parish Council name tags: Parish Council members aren't wearing their name tags. They need to be updated, and new ones need to be made for new parish council members. Adrianna Brown has been put in charge of getting new name tags.

E. Steven Baine will be getting the new 2018 calendar.

## VII. Old Business

### A. Speaker Lectures

1. Steven Baine is working on a speaker lecture for Feb. 10, 2018 with Fr. John Mefrige.

2. Don Jenkins has been in contact with Fr. Mark in Minnesota about a 2018 speaker lecture to be conducted prior to Lent.

B. Parking Lot Improvement: Discussed during the Building Committee report.

C. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (April 2018): No change

D. St. Anthony 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (January 2019): No change

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

#### VIII. Other Business

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2017 after daily vespers.

#### IX. Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01p by the singing of “It is Truly Meet”.

Accepted by:

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Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore  
Priest

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Felipe Arroyo  
Warden