

# St. Anthony the Great

## Parish Annual Meeting

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1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to Order - 26 in attendance
3. Minutes from last year - 1st Lundblade: 2nd Rdr Benjamin. All in favor.
4. Proposed Council Changes - Fr. Gerasim suggested an increase in Parish Council members to encourage more involvement and momentum of the church progress. We will stagger the membership so that each council member is elected for 3 years.

Proposal: Change us to 3 year terms, 9 total members, Stagger the elections to elect 3 new ones each year. Also to leave existing 2 that were scheduled to exit to serve their 3rd year: Eugene Ponamarov and Tina Gilson. Motion - 1st Jeff Bryant, 2nd Greg Lundblade - All in favor.

5. Elect 2 New Council Members: Scott Smith, Helen Kaye, Hilda Farris, Elaine Jenkins

Vote is for Helen Kaye & Scott Smith

6. Elect Lay Delegates: Rdr Benjamin, Greg Lundblade, Michael Farris

Vote is for Delegate: Michael Farris Alt: Greg Lundblade

7. Elect Audit Committee: 4 Volunteers Anna, Hilda, Victoria Lundblade (2nd qtr), Paul White. We will have one person per quarter

8. Financial Report & Proposed Budget given by Treasurer Jeff Bryant and Taylor Troy.

- We spent less than the last year. Jeff takes in the donations and then deposits to Bank. Taylor then pays the invoices.
- Small increase was added for Fr. Leo. Health insurance went down significantly because of Medicare.
- Building budget - We had deferred maintenance costs and donations which helped us.

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- Operations budget - Cost of bulletins decreased because we reduced the pages of color printing.
  - Suggestion from Anna to add a/c to the budget. Deferred this to next discussion item.
  - Sovereign advised us the Dates have been posted for the Music Symposium. Proposal to amend budget to add a line item in the budget under Miscellaneous with 0 budget for 2016-17.
  - Vote for Approval of budget and amendment for Music Symposium: 1st Sovereign, 2nd Greg Lundblade, All in favor.
  - Clarification Go Fund Me is a fund for the Parking Lot contributions and these have been added to that improvement fund.
  - Amazonsmile donations
  - \$170.63 received through Paypal and is distributed between funds as identified.
  - Other donations & expenses are things we don't have line items for like renting the pavilion.
  - A/C fund is not identified on the outgoing expense report. Suggestion was made by Anna to add the details on distribution of donations in his Treasurer report between special designations. \$99xx.xx is
  - Note total income is about \$500 less than approved budget. For example contributing to the deferred maintenance fund, in fact we had to take \$1000 out of it, also the \$1000 for charities we were not able to pay.
  - Balance Sheet is a snapshot of where we are here. There is a \$1612.74 which is incorrect and always will be, we do not know where we can do this.
  - Suggestion to move money from sisterhood to cover the deferred maintenance fund.
9. Capital/Maintenance Improvement - Reached out to Frost Bank on refinancing our mortgage to pay for the a/c and the parking lot. With bids for the lot and a/c completed in the near future and 2 signatures of Parishioners they will loan us up to \$65,000 and extend our loan for 10 year and keep the mortgage payment the same. 5% current interest rate. Deadline on parking lot improvements to keep non-profit is June 2017. 1st by Jeff Bryant, 2nd Helen Kaye. All in favor

10. Reports

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- Pastor: 12 Baptisms, 3 Chrismations, no weddings, no funerals. Attended clergy conference to discuss new bishop. attended Archbishop Demitri internment where they suggested we may get a new bishop and then attended Dallas where Bishop Alexander was announced. Finally visited diocese assembly where he and Mark Freemyer met Bishop Alexander. Conducted normal services, confessions, attended sick and those in hospitalizations. Attendance on feast days has been. Birth of Theotokos and Pillars of church readings were not attended well even though they were rescheduled to a vespals liturgy at 6:30 pm. Some vespals liturgies had 12-20 in attendance. We need more in attendance even though we're in a modern society, that Sundays alone does not make a rhythm for the life of the church. At one time we were hitting 16 people on vespers now we're down to 6 again. Fr. Leo understands people are busy but lets not use it as an excuse for absence from church. When we get to heaven we will not be playing golf or hunting/fishing, we'll be standing in the presence of God; a liturgy that never ends. Fr. Leo says we have the best parishioners, people seem to try to do better this year with inter-relationships. It was a great Agape vespers picnic, had a great Pan-Orthodox picnic. We need to continue to participate in these things with a focus on Christ.
- Parish Council Report: Very successful and busy year this year, especially focusing on the construction of the parking lot. We also began process of planning for 2019 40th anniversary (Jamie Armstrong chair) and 100th founding anniversary (John Tolleson chari) of the building. We are trying to include the San Antonio community. Any help would be appreciated. Also selected Boulder construction to be on retainer to church to handle repairs and has a limit after which he comes to us for approval.
- Cleaning Team: Down to 4 so everyone is here 1x month. Last Saturday some Russian women came in and cleaned and would like to start this tradition for us to do deep cleaning on Saturday. Everyone likes it, Tina can put it in bulletin, Helen will check what Saturdays they can do this.
- Church Donation box - traditionally they have a white box in Russia during Pascha for church donations and we will continue this.
- Teen Report: Need someone with a youthful demeanor to organize the teens this year.
- Building Committee Report: A/C repair is top on their list. Working on continuous maintenance items. Window systems still not fixed on walls. Water damage has been repaired to icons. Continued water issues will need to be tackled this next year. Continue to work with architect on parking lot development and routine maintenance

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calendar items. A/C is not working in either bathroom because of the ductwork damage under church. The church is a part of the historical society and last grant attempt was not approved. Traditionally they only grant for exterior improvements. They will not allow us to change the exterior of the building.

- Icon Project Report: Council is taking over coordinating this work. We have not commissioned the work yet. Traditionally we do the Dormition on the back church. The judgement was suggested but that's a western tradition and since we are charged based on the number of individuals in the icon it would be very expensive. The iconographer is the wife of the original iconographer who is continuing the work.
- Sisterhood Report: Suggestion to put Facebook page. Fr. Leo said if it's a place to post events that would be ok but not a place for gossip or to post ill feelings. There have been occasions where FB social areas have caused issues so we would need to consider it carefully.
- There is a St. Anthony FB page, who is the moderator. Suggestion was made to handle this discussion in next council meeting to discuss having a moderator from the council. Fr. Leo agreed having each council member have a job like this and even wear name tags. Suggestion was also to have council member names posted so people know who to go to.
- Brotherhood Report
- Suggestion to take amount over \$1000 in any organization and make a partial contribution towards the Charitable fund that we didn't make last year. We were reminded that the Food Bank trucks are \$300/event and we don't have budget for this. Agreement was for \$150 from brotherhood/sisterhood will be given for the next Food Bank event.