Saint Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

Parish Council Minutes 5/8/19

Father Leo presiding

In attendance: Helen Kaye, Elaine Jenkins, Taylor Troy, Aaron Blanco, Laura Farris, Scott Smith, Paul White, Vita Lundblade

The meeting was opened with the singing of “Christ is Risen.”

The oath was read by Paul.

Last Month’s Minutes:

A correction was made with regard to the record of a unanimous vote vs. unanimous consent. An incorrect name was listed as the Sisterhood secretary. $20 fees for Pascha eggs went to the Benevolence Fund, not to the church. Another name was incorrectly spelled.

Taylor motion to accept with corrections, Helen second, Subdeacon Aaron asked unanimous consent.

Financial Report:

* We would have approximately broken even for April except that the first priest paycheck for May was cut on April 30.
* Donations were down over $1000 from April 2018, but there were 5 Sundays in April 2018, and both months had Pascha.
* Two different purchases under Altar Supplies: lightbulbs for chandeliers, and new adult baptismal font (plastic).
* New account line on Balance Sheet: Diocese Funds on Deposit, which tracks total extra paid to diocese above tithe.
* Net income on the balance sheet this year will look bad because we are spending the money from the loan to make repairs, improvements, etc.

Committee Reports

* Sisterhood
  + The Sisterhood made over $750 at the garage sale. They are discussing using the funds to help the choir with choir books. There is an effort in the choir to overhaul the service books to update them, eliminate unused hymn pages, etc.
* Brotherhood
  + The beer has all been given away.
* Youth
  + St. Juvenaly youth group raised close to $40 at the coffee hour they hosted.

Priest Report

* Holy Week and Pascha went great
* Two catechumens left; we had a lot of baptisms and chrismations at Pascha.
* A family is inquiring.
* Samuel and Tania wedding blessing May 12th
* June 9th the Whites have a wedding blessing
* July 7th Brown have a wedding blessing
* Clement (Lance) and Pauline are contemplating have their baby daughter baptised.
* Fr. John Mefrige here next Saturday and Sunday. Someone with a key needs to meet him here and coordinate when he wants to arrive to prepare. Candle stands and trash cans in the restrooms need to be cleaned out before Sunday morning. The candle box needs to be refilled.

Ongoing Business

* Property Renovations
  + Interior Scaffolding is gone
  + Windows
    - One over Dormition Icon has been reinforce, no rot.
    - No update as to when further work will be done.
    - It was heavily recommended that we press for a quote from Nick Ozerov. The council owes it to the parish as a part of our stewardship of the loan. This is especially true since we realized savings on the parking lot and roof and we would like to be free to go ahead and put some of it back toward the loan principal in order to realize savings on interest over the term of the loan.
    - We can have him fix the worst window and use that to estimate the total cost.
    - It is planned to have a report next time of what has been spent on the parking lot and on the window that has been fixed.
    - Aaron motioned that the council will connect with Nick Ozerov to go on a window-by-window basis and the parish council will vote on each window as the quotes come in, Nick Brown seconded, all in favor.
  + Exterior Scaffolding may be put along all sides of the church
  + Ceiling has some cracks and stains that need to be fixed once the infestation is fully dealt with.
  + Parking Lot Striping
    - Reader Steven has been trying to get the company to respond and get out here as soon as possible.
  + Roof is not leaking as far as Fr. Leo knows.

New Business

* Continued discussion of people in attendance asking for money.
  + There were some incidents on Pascha night when parishioners were eating. A guest may have been intoxicated and was verbally abusive when some others asked him not to smoke near them. This last Sunday there was money in the coffee hour donation basket that disappeared, though it was not known if the guest in question took the money. There are concerns with safety when people without specific business in the fellowship hall during Divine Liturgy go in there.
  + No laws have been broken, and we know that he is not on any registries. The man definitely has some mental health issues and is very lonely. We need to get the men of the church looking after him in case things get out of hand, but there is no reason to keep him out.
* Youth Summer Camp
  + Most youth signed up that we’ve ever had – 13. Ages 8+.
  + Coordinating Transportation
    - Carpool? If we get a 15-passenger van, who pays?
  + Proper paperwork for youth and adult drivers
    - Background checks needed.
    - Insurance paperwork needed since it is for church activity.

Elaine motioned to adjourn. Herman seconded. Unanimous consent.

The meeting was closed with the singing of “It Is Truly Meet.”