

# Church Council Minutes

## READING OF OATH OF OFFICE - JERRY

### IN ATTENDANCE:

- Tina, Helen, Jerry, Jenee Blanco, Jenny Baine, Jeff, Yvgenia

### Missing:

- Mark, Scott Smith

### Minutes -

- September - approved Jerry 1, Jenee 2
- October - approved Helen 1, Tina 2

### Financial Report -

1. Donations down by about \$40/week.
2. Attempted to avoid the \$7 service charge from bank but some pending charges occurred and the balance dipped below \$3000.
3. Sisterhood gave \$200 for deferred maintenance fund.
4. Womens toilet has been running but water is back to normal. We need to watch.
5. Expenses have been at or near budget but tithes have not met the budget expectations so have dipped into our fundraisers. On the bulletin we keep reporting same fundraiser totals so this can be misconstrued by our parish that all is good. Council agreed we will draft a letter to the parish to explain the reduction in the fundraiser totals to meet the expenses. Jeff will draft and send out to council for edits, Taylor to add financial details.
6. Insurance deductible increased to \$2500. Annual premium is near \$4000. Our agent has worked well with us and no need to search other insurance companies at this time.

### Pastors Report -

1. 2 baptisms coming up. Dayla's son Dominick on the 19th, and Zhanna's daughter Maria on the 26th.
2. Sunday school coordinator agreed to schedule fun festival for 12/17/2016. After we will have vespers and neighborhood caroling.
3. Asked Galina to delay the dance performance, we will do this 12/4/2016.
4. 12/3 is SA food bank.

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5. Saint Ephraim's retreat is 12/3 also. Need a count of possible parishioners that may attend.
6. Mark Freemyer is recovering from surgery however not as quickly as hoped.
7. Matushka Mary is doing well.
8. Genevieve, Hannah, Ashley, and Bruce Inman are our new catecumens.
9. Fr. Stephen is arriving at 10 am Friday. Father Leo is picking him up and driving him. Saturday night need RSVP
10. Need a letter of thanks to Yvgenia's friend from Russia for his college.
11. After liturgy on 11/21 Father Leo plans leave that week for 3 days to go to Arkansas on a finishing trip as prescribed by his doctor for his stress. Fr. Mark will be in service for him.
12. Subdeacon Barry needs prayers, he is having difficulty seeing at night.
13. Caelum Blanco got approval to do a teen outing. Not sure what event but he will work on this.

Old Business:

1. Parking Lot Improvement - Formal procedure for soliciting bids was completed. We have only 1 received for \$93,000. We have requested Mr. Dilliard have a meeting with building committee after Vespers next Wednesday. Parish council and Nick Ozerov have contacts and we will be reaching out for more bids.
2. AC Proposals - Nothing from Schmidt mechanical. Building committee is looking into other bids. Father Leo will reach out to Nick for contact (Victor) and then contact building committee to meet him to get the project reviewed.
3. 40th anniversary - Jamie. Fr. Gerasim was informed to inform the Bishop we would like his attendance at this event.
4. 100th anniversary - John Tolleson was aware of the dates and Jerry told him he has our blessing for him to move ahead with it.
5. Maintenance -
  - Rats have pulled oil from the wicks across the floor and chewed tops off the olive oil. Need the screen replaced over the hole in the sanctuary. Need rat poison in the crawlspace. (Mark please add this.)

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- Cleaning and grass landscaping will be worked on Saturday mornings, anyone can attend.
- Helen suggested adding sun film to doors/windows on front. She will do this if Yvgenia can get the measurements.
- 6. Long term plan (new hall 2020) - Mark met some people at the Diocese of the south and had professional fundraisers to get funding. If Mark can reach out to those people for details.
- 7. Guest speaker itinerary - All planning is done except refreshments on Saturday after the talk.

New business:

1. St Nicholas Festival - We will get small bags to pack 3-4 cookies. Brochures to be printed by Tina.
2. Bulletins - Cost of the bulletins could be reduced however current format does act as advertising for our church. After cost analysis on the cost reduction, if we reduced to 1 page we found it's not significant.
3. Rotation Schedule - Jerry will bring in a visual and we will draw lots to get the rotations down.
4. Job Descriptions - Fr. Leo says we do need a job description for the Social Media Director position. What they are responsible and what should/should not be posted. Do not need one for assistants.
5. Parish Council badges - Jenny will create papers for the lanyards.