

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church Wednesday February 22, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore
Jene` Blanco
Jeff Bryant
Mark Freemyer
Yevgeny Ponomarev
Jerry Troy
Scott Smith
Helen Kaye
Taylor Troy (Bookkeeper)
Angela Rodriguez (Guest)

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

- a. 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: Mark Freemyer

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

- A. 1st: Helen Kaye 2nd: Scott Armstrong; All were in favor.

IV. Financial Report

- A. Donations for January were up ~\$1,800 when compared to 2016.
- B. Mortgage balance is ~\$15,661.25.
- C. Taylor Troy presented the first view of the “snapshot” of the parish finances using the Warden’s template developed at last month’s meeting. The Council requested that for the first publication of the “snapshot”, it should be a 2016 year end summary. Thereafter, the “snapshot” would only include the monthly numbers. The Project Donations column does not reflect actual expenditures for the project, only the re-direction of fundraiser money to pay for monthly operating expenses.

V. Pastor’s Report

- A. Pastoral Conference was a teaching session with Bishop Alexander about the Old Testament. Fr. Gerasim was contacted regarding the potential of a Bishop’s visit for St. Anthony’s 40th Anniversary in 2019.
- B. Subdeacon Barsonuphius is still suffering with what may be shingles.
- C. Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 5, 5p, at St. Ephraim’s for Great Vespers.
- D. March 4 garage sale has been cancelled.
- E. Matushka Mary Freemyer’s funeral was February 6.

VI. New Business

- A. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Brainstorming session to be planned. Maintain on Old Business
- B. Retreat
 - a. Holy Archangels Monastery visit.
 - b. Fr. Ephraim will be contacted by Jeff Bryant regarding a parish retreat on the monastery so a date can be determined.
 - c. The retreat will be on a Saturday. Group travel by bus was suggested.

- d. Fr. Leo would lead a guided discussion. Topic to be determined.
- e. Maintain on Old Business
- C. Speaker Lecture
 - a. Presentation of a “podcast” already produced to be viewed by the parish in the Temple.
 - b. Followed by a Q&A session with the presenter or a guided “in house” discussion.
 - c. Maintain on Old Business.
- D. St. Macrina Sisterhood
 - a. Angela Rodriguez was a guest at the meeting and had questions about the structure of the organization. Fr. Leo indicated that there was a secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president.
 - b. The organization is “all volunteer” and participation is encouraged by sharing a positive contribution to the parish.
 - c. The organization should be all inclusive for every female parishioner regardless of background.
 - d. Historically, the organization provides for garage sales, takes care of the flowers and plants, baby showers, and a variety of fund raising events (bake sales, luncheons, etc.)
- E. St. Anthony’s Video
 - a. Proposal prepared by the Warden and was presented.
 - b. The video will be uploaded onto the parish website to introduce people looking into Orthodoxy to St. Anthony and to provide awareness of the parish’s upcoming 100th anniversary of the building and 40th anniversary of the parish.
 - c. Cost is \$300.00.
 - d. Proposal approved: 1st: Helen Kaye; 2nd: Jeff Bryant; All were in favor.

VII. Old Business

- A. Maintenance Calendar
 - a. No projects completed in the last month and the calendar continues to be updated.
 - b. Maintain on Old Business
- B. Planning for Anniversaries
 - a. 100th Anniversary of the Temple Building (2018) – John Tolleson is the chair person. This coincides with the City of San Antonio’s 300th Anniversary.
 - i. The parish has received permission to use the City’s 300th Anniversary logo for the event.
 - ii. Discussion ensued regarding an open house with a presentation about the history of the church building combined with a sung service (Molieben).
 - b. 40th Anniversary of Parish (2019) – Jamie Armstrong is the chair person. Fr. Leo has approached Bishop Alexander and invited him to attend.
 - c. Maintain on Old Business.
- C. Discussing Long-term Plan (Parish Hall 2020)
 - a. No change.
 - b. Maintain on Old Business.
- D. Vacant Lot Development
 - a. The tax exempt status of the lot has been approved by the Bexar County Appraisal District.
 - b. The Building Committee is planning a meeting.
 - c. Maintain on Old Business.
- E. HVAC Proposals
 - a. One additional walk through with an HVAC contractor has been completed.
 - b. The Building Committee is planning a meeting.
 - c. Maintain on Old Business.

VIII. Other Business- None.

IX. Upcoming Events

- A. Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 14th following Matuschka Mary's Pannikhida at 7p.
- B. Brotherhood Meeting: Friday, February 24, 7p
- C. Forgiveness Sunday, February 26th.
- D. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wednesday, March 1, 630p
- E. Food Bank – March 4th, 8-830a
- E. Sunday of Orthodoxy – March 4th, St. Ephraim's 5p
- F. Women's Meeting – March 4th after Divine Liturgy.
- G. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wednesday, March 8, 630p
- H. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wednesday, March 15, 630p

XI. Closing Prayer

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. by the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

Accepted by:

Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore
Priest

Jennifer Baine
Warden