

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
Tuesday March 13, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. Leo Poore
Felipe Arroyo
Jenée Blanco
Jeff Bryant
Helen Kaye
Jerry Troy
Paul White
Scott Smith
Taylor Troy (Bookkeeper)

ABSENT: Nick Brown

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with the singing of “Oh Heavenly King”

II. Reading of the Parish Council Oath of Office: Jeff Bryant

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

A. Fr. Leo conducted a vote of the approval of the February 2018 Minutes. Jerry Troy made the motion. Scott Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

IV. Financial Report

- A. February 2018 numbers are much lower than last year. Matushka Mary’s passing was last February, and there were a lot of donations to the church in her memory in February 2017.
- B. The AT&T credit finally came through, and the February 2018 phone bill was \$0 and only a few dollars in March 2018.
- C. Fiesta medals are up for sale for \$10/each in the online Fiesta store. The link to purchase medals will be put on the church’s Facebook page. Jerry Troy suggests using his work office as a pick-up location for customers’ medal purchases.

V. Priest’s Report

- A. Mark and Donna Freemyer have withdrawn their membership at St. Anthony. Jenée Blanco will replace Mark as Parish Council secretary. Father suggests appointing a new PC member to replace Mark Freemyer for the remainder of his term, which ends September 2019.
- B. Upcoming weddings:
 - a. Friday, May 4, 2018 wedding for a couple who are not parishioners of St. Anthony. Reader Ben is seeking help in the choir for the afternoon wedding.
 - b. Michelle and Ted’s wedding is on July 22, 2018
- C. Fr. Leo will be out of town from May 16-May 24, 2018 for his grand-nephew’s graduation from high school
- D. Fr. Brendan and his wife have bronchitis
- E. Fr. Leo will have surgery on June 7, 2018 and won’t be available that weekend as he will be recovering.
- F. Fr. Leo requests that someone be in charge of mailing cards to parishioners who are not able to attend church services. Penny, Vera, Mary Partlow, Erik and Maribel Lozano, and Richard Tausch are parishioners who have not been able to attend. Helen volunteered to send the cards.

G. Fr. Leo was in contact with the original roofing company for the church building.

- a. The roof is only 15 years old and was guaranteed for 30 years.
- b. We have \$10,000 worth of copper flashing on the roof.
- c. The original roofers will inspect the roof in a couple of weeks.

H. Fr. Leo received contact information for someone who restores windows. He left a message inquiring about the restoration of our windows and is waiting for a response.

I. Dr. Robert Vranes, the former choir director of St. Anthony, has been rehashing his previous accusations of Fr. Leo and St. Anthony Church by sending new letters to the DOS and copies of the letters to several parishioners. Fr. Leo spoke with the diocese about this issue.

VI. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

- a. Church School: no change
- b. Brotherhood: Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18.
- c. Sisterhood: Adriana Brown has stepped down from the position of president of the Sisterhood. Angelo Soros has replaced her as the president, and Adriana will continue in the capacity of vice president.
- d. Building Committee:
 - i. Jerry Troy has a quote for \$50,000 to replace the three main windows that are in disrepair. Jeff Bryant suggests that Jerry contact the San Antonio Historical Society for assistance.
 - ii. There is now a vacancy on the Building Committee
- e. Teen Group: No change
- f. Icon project: No change

B. Bundled Mortgage: Church Financing Update from Taylor - Frost bank will not accept the Diocese of the South as a co-signer for the loan, therefore we have new options to consider:

- a. The church can qualify for a loan without a co-signer if the amount is lowered to \$75,000-\$100,000.
- b. Go to other banks to apply for the \$225K loan. Helen will go to Bank of America, IBC, SACU, and RBFCU this week.
- c. Get individuals/group of parishioners to co-sign the larger loan.
- d. Show the DOS that we have exhausted all our options including the use of the USAA investment funds, and the Diocese may then consider doing some financing for us.
- e. Since we have not paid extra funds to the DOS in the past to help other churches in need, we are not high on the diocesan priority list for extending financial assistance.
 - i. Fr. Leo suggests we start sending money to the DOS for the "churches-in-need" fund.
 - ii. Jeff Bryant made a motion to send \$100/month to the DOS. Jerry Troy seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

C. Agape Picnic:

- a. Felipe Arroyo will be out of town for Pascha. Jerry Troy will be the new contact for the reservation of the barricades and security for the Agape picnic.
- b. Jenee Blanco will reserve a backyard obstacle course from Wow Party & Event Rentals for the kids' entertainment at the Agape picnic. The cost of the rental will be \$238, which includes tax, delivery, and insurance.

D. 100th Anniversary (April 2018):

- a. Pin Pandemonium at Hemisfair Park is on April 19, the official opening of Fiesta 2018. We need volunteers to sell medals at our table.
- b. St. Anthony church tours will be held on April 28.

E. St. Anthony 40th Anniversary (January 2019): The Archbishop is scheduled to visit St. Anthony on January 19-20, 2019. Fr. Leo suggests inviting other clergy: the chancellor of DOS, the administrator of

DOS, the former dean of DOS, Fr. Dmitri Cosby, a deacon for the hierarchical liturgy, and a subdeacon from the diocese. Transportation, lodging, and meal arrangements will need to be made for the visiting clergy.

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

G. Philoxenia House: No change

VIII. Other Business

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 (Bright Wednesday) after daily vespers.

IX. Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06p by the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

Accepted by:

Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore
Priest

Felipe Arroyo
Warden