

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. Leo Poore
Helen Kaye
Jerry Troy
Paul White
Nick Brown
Elaine Jenkins
Jenée Blanco
Jeff Bryant
Felipe Arroyo
Scott Smith
Taylor Troy (Bookkeeper)
Adriana Brown (Guest)
Angela Soros (Guest)

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with the singing of “Christ is Risen”

II. Reading of the Parish Council Oath of Office: Felipe Arroyo

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

- A. Fr. Leo conducted a vote of the approval of the April 2018 Minutes. Nick Brown made the motion. Jerry Troy seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

IV. Priest’s Report

- A. Fr. Leo will be out of town May 16-25th for his grand-nephew’s graduation from high school.
1. Fr. Brendan will serve Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension on Wednesday, May 16th. Fr. John Mefrige will serve Great Vespers on Saturday, May 19th and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 20th.
 2. Fr. Leo can be reached for emergency pastoral assistance on his cell phone at 210-324-4385.
 3. Nick Brown will open the church for Fr. Brendan and Fr. John for services.
 4. Nick Brown will also keep watch over the Holy Fire to make sure it stays lit.
- B. There was a funeral held at the pentecostal church for Boris Trokhymchuk.

V. Financial Report

- A. USAA Index fund had a loss for the first time in a long time during the first quarter in the amount of \$492.
- B. We need to keep selling Fiesta medals. We need to sell 150 to break even. We’ve received money for 72 medals.
- C. The church mortgage balance is now at \$356.26.

VI. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

- a. Church School: no change
- b. Brotherhood: Beer is finished. Accepting donations for beer.
- c. Sisterhood: Yard sale moved to June 23.
- d. Building Committee:
 1. There was a phone conversation with Nick Oserov during the Parish Council meeting to discuss renovation on the church building.
 2. Nick suggests taking the windows apart, replacing rotten wood with new wood and repainting them. He also suggests repainting the sills every year and replacing the seal every 2 years.
 3. Jerry Troy made a motion to have Boulder Construction repair the windows instead of replacing them. Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor. None were opposed.
- e. Teen Group: No change
- f. Icon project:
 1. Don Jenkins has contacted the Greek iconographers, who can complete the Dormition icon before the Feast of the Dormition, but they will need the funds up front.
 2. It was suggested to borrow the funds from the mortgage loan after enough pledges for donations were made by parishioners, but no final decision was made, and no vote was conducted.

B. Bundled Mortgage:

- a. We received a pre-approval for a loan from Randolph Brooks FCU for the amount of \$230,000, a 10-year term with a 20-year amortization and a fixed rate of 5.25%.
- b. The monthly payments would be \$1,549.84.
- c. We would be allowed to pay off a large portion of the loan early with no penalty, if we would like.
- d. Taylor Troy will continue to work toward obtaining a final approval of the loan.

C. Pascha Security: Fr. Leo mentioned that the security was more expensive for Pascha this year. We will discuss this issue at a later time and discuss the possibilities of having the Pascha Picnic at someone's home next year.

D. St. Anthony 40th Anniversary (January 2019):

- a. Adriana suggested creating a time capsule and adding to the slide show from the 100th anniversary of the building to show at the 40th anniversary.
- b. Fr. Leo suggested we take a new all-parish photo since some parishioners were not visible or were absent in the previous photos taken outside.
- c. Father also suggested that we look into having entertainment, perhaps by the youth, for the celebration on the church grounds.

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

VII. Other Business

- A. USAA sent us paperwork about our Index Fund account that needs to be completed. The authorized agents on the account are outdated. Elaine Jenkins made a motion to contact USAA to change the authorized agents. Jerry seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

- B. Fr. Leo requested that we print copies of the OCA document, “Another Gift for our Loved Ones,” so that parishioners will have access to helpful information in preparing for the death of loved ones. Jenee Blanco will make copies of the document.
- C. The church casket is being stored at the Jenkins’ residence.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- A. The next scheduled food bank drive: June 2
- B. Sts. Peter and Paul fast: June 4 - June 29
- C. Mykela Mason’s graduation party: June 10 at 5pm
- D. The San Antonio Folk Life Festival: June 8, 9, & 10
- E. The Sisterhood yard sale: June 23
- F. Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 pm.

IX. Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44p by the singing of “The Angel Cried”.

Accepted by:

Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore
Priest

Felipe Arroyo
Warden