

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE

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

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King”

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

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

- A. The June meeting minutes were accepted on June 13, after the regular meeting.

IV. Priest’s Report

- A. Sunday is the wedding for Ted Brewer and Michelle Forbes.
B. Fr. Leo and Aaron Blanco, the parish delegate, will fly to St. Louis for the All American Council on Monday, July 23, and will return on Friday, July 27.
C. Richard Tausch is in need of prayers for his health.
D. We have found out that the roof is in good shape and does not need to be replaced. We are waiting for some suggestions as to what kinds of repairs we need to have done on our roof.
E. Ralph Marcantonio was generous to fill in the holes in the parking lot with asphalt, free of charge.

V. Financial Report

- A. We are still in the application process for the loan through Randolph Brooks FCU.
B. Frost mortgage is paid off, and we received our Release of Lien.
C. In June, there was an icon project expense of \$7,500, and there were donations totalling \$7,500 made in previous months.
D. Today’s actual total is \$10,499.93.

VI. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports
- a. Church School: No change
 - b. Brotherhood: No change
 - c. Sisterhood: Funds are low.
 - d. Building Committee: No change

- e. Teen Group: Six youth of the parish enjoyed a fun week at the annual All Saints Summer Camp in Hawkins, TX
- f. Icon project:
 - 1. We have received photos of the progress of the icon of the Dormition.
 - 2. We discussed the possibilities of moving the Pantocrator icon. It needs to be centered in the nave. There are concerns that it might damage the canvas if moved. Jerry made a motion to get approval to have the Pantocrator icon moved to the center of the ceiling of the nave (if it can be moved without causing further damage). Helen seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.
- g. Randolph Brooks FCU loan:
 - 1. The FCU representative, who is working on our loan application, has not been responding to Taylor's communication.
 - 2. The appraisal will happen soon, which will be a two-week process.

B. St. Anthony 40th Anniversary (January 2019): No change

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

VII. New Business

- A. Father Brendan return from England in September 2018. He will be our guest speaker in November.
- B. Felipe Arroyo will be moving in early 2019. We will appoint a new member to replace him when that time comes.
- C. Helen suggests providing small decorative cloths (embroidered with crosses) at each icon in the church for wiping smudges and lipstick marks.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- A. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2018.
 - 1. We will need at least three nominees to run for parish council.
 - 2. Reports are due from all parish organizations by Sunday, August 4 and should be email to Vice Warden, Jerry Troy.
- B. On Sunday, August 5, after Divine Liturgy, we will have the Forefeast of Transfiguration of our Lord with Blessing of the Fruit.
- C. The Vesperal Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos will be held on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.
- D. Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 pm after Vespers.

IX. Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53p with the singing of It is Truly Meet.

Accepted by:

Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore
Priest

Felipe Arroyo
Warden