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St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Scott Smith, Aaron Blanco, Taylor Troy, Paul White, Felipe Arroyo, Elaine Jenkins, Father Leo presiding. Helen Kaye excused for illness, Nick Brown excused for work training matters.

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Blanco.

The meeting was opened with the singing of “O Heavenly King.”

The Oath of Office was read by Scott Smith.

Special Business:

1. Martin Morris and Mike Willert, representatives from GuideOne, spoke about the changes to the insurance. In June, Michael merged his agency with Donegan Insurance Agency, another GuideOne agency.
2. The changes to the wind and hail deductible are fairly industry-wide, due to the increase in frequency of hailstorms in the area in recent years. Buybacks are available to lower the deductible, but the increase to the premium would be substantial.
3. Some other forms of loss, including theft are included at a continued fixed rate. Flood and earthquake coverage are not included. Flood policies are available through the Federal Flood Insurance program.
4. Michael and Martin were notified of our intent to have a new appraisal done.
5. The current Fine Arts coverage does not cover the icons on the side walls or the Dormition icon. A small coverage with no premium is included in the case of employee or volunteer dishonesty leading to financial loss.
6. The offered insurance also includes general liability – general aggregate, products/completed operations, personal and advertising injury, fire damage, medical expense, directors and officers liability, sexual misconduct liability, and religious expression coverage. Sexual misconduct liability can be doubled for an extra $200 per year.
7. Religious expression coverage is a new offering, inspired by the recent political developments regarding same-sex marriage. It is recommended that the parish put in writing the policies regarding who can be married in the church.
8. The parish does not have auto coverage for the church in the case of employees or volunteers using their personal vehicles for church business.
9. Frost National Bank is coming off of the Additional Insured line, and RBFCU will be added. The new premium is $6915.
10. The previous premium was about $4200. The agents looked for other quotes and the closest premium was about $8200.

Last month’s minutes were reviewed. Paul White motioned to approve minutes with minor changes (misspelled names). Aaron Blanco seconded. All in favor.

Financial Report: Taylor Troy delivered the financial report. RBFCU has not sent all pertinent information, so no balance sheet was presented.

1. The current checking account balance is $225,984.36 after the loan was deposited.
2. The deferred maintenance fund balance is $4901.39. Donations were down versus November of last year.
3. Wire transfer fees applied to the money transferred to Panos for the icon project and for receiving the money from RBFCU.
4. Expense for Reader Alexander’s visit and a new Christmas tree appear on the statement.
5. There was a mishap with the salary check being sent to Father Leo, but it was quickly resolved.
6. Candle donations have been down as well.

Priest’s Report:

1. Two baptisms on Saturday, 2pm and 4pm
2. 22nd December – Baptism of Samuel and Tania; January 13th – Blessing of the marriage of Samuel and Tania. They have a baby due on 19th or 20th of January
3. Report on the honorable reasons for absences of a few parishioners (unnamed) as well as the continued medical ordeals of the Panecenkos.
4. Nick Ozerov has been requested to inspect the wall crack in the vestibule. Nick gave verbal consent to sand and paint around the window. It may be a while before the scaffolding comes down.
5. Asked Jerry Troy to call a meeting of the Brotherood and Adriana Brown to call a meeting of the Sisterhood with regard to food for the 40th anniversary.
6. Current arrangements are for the Archbishop, Fr. Gerasim and Father Deacon Steven Kroll. Reader Benjamin believes he can handle the choir direction for the Hierarchical Liturgy. Fr. Leo spent two hours with Fr. Gerasim to discuss the visit. Also discussed the possibility of getting a deacon for the parish or a transitional priest for when Fr. Leo prepares for retirement.
7. Father Leo found leftover paint that can be used for needed touch-ups.

Committee and Other Reports:

Parking Lot – we should have an updated bid by the end of the week. Building Committee charged with a meeting about the parking lot as soon as possible

The windows will be worked on after the Archbishop’s visit.

Taylor Troy suggested that Nick Ozerov be paid for each window up front according to the bid for each window. Felipe motioned. Paul seconded. All in favor.

The consensus is that it is best to leave Christ Pantokrator in its place due to the potential for damage during moving. A meeting is needed to discuss sketches left by Panos for John the Baptist between two chandeliers with Old Testament prophets surrounding and St. Anthony above the back wall, as well as the Evangelists around Christ Pantokrator. Also talked about a correction to the Eucharistic icon with Apostles. Also the life of St. Anthony was proposed. Input from parishioners is desired.

Fellowship Hall – one idea is to simply expand the back of the fellowship hall and add another room such as a Sunday School room, and the bookshelves and icon display case could be moved. The idea of building up support for a “daughter” church north or northwest of San Antonio was floated. Aaron Blanco motioned to add the daughter church to the long-term plan for the agenda. Felipe seconded. All in favor.

Aaron Blanco motioned that the January agenda include a visit from a Building Committee representative to discuss the fellowship fall. Paul seconded. All in favor.

Elaine motioned to adjourned. Paul seconded..

The meeting closed with the singing of “It Is Truly Meet.”