**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church**

**Wednesday February 7, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. Leo Poore

Felipe Arroyo

Jenée Blanco

Jeff Bryant

Mark Freemyer

Helen Kaye

Scott Smith

Jerry Troy

Paul White

Taylor Troy

Angela Soros

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. with the singing of “Oh Heavenly King”

II. Reading of the Parish Council Oath of Office: Helen Kaye

III. Review and Acceptance of Last Month’s Minutes

1. Approval of the January 2018 Minutes. Helen Kaye made the motion. Jerry Troy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IV. Financial Report

1. December donations down over 2017.
2. Felipe Arroyo suggested that a graphic feature be used for future financial reports that would enable the council to track historical performance trends over time. Taylor Troy will provide the numbers to Paul White who will provide the graph at future meetings
3. No money was transferred into the deferred maintenance account due to a checking account balance less than $8000.00.
4. Today’s actual account balance: ~$7,000.00
5. Current mortgage principal: ~$3,500.00

V. Priest’s Report

1. Keep Michael Panasenko in prayer. His health has been deteriorating.
2. Pastoral conference next week in Mississippi.
3. Speaker Fr. John Mephrige presentation this Saturday.

VI. Old Business

1. Committee Reports
2. Church School: No change.
3. Brotherhood: Meat Fare Sunday luncheon. March 9 brewing event planned.
4. Sisterhood: Cheese Fare Sunday luncheon. Sisterhood meeting was conducted last Sunday.
5. Building Committee: Window replacement is an extensive project that will require a 6-8 week lead time to allow for production. The parking lot replacement should take 7-10 days.
6. Teen Group: No change.
7. Icon project: The south wall was recently measured for the Dormition icon to obtain a cost estimate from the iconographer.

B. Bundled Mortgage:

1. Taylor Troy read the letter email she sent out to the parish council regarding the bundled mortgage from Frost Bank.
2. $225,000 mortgage, 20 years and 5.49%, making a payment of ~$1,100.00 per month.
3. Jerry Troy will present this to the parish this Sunday for a vote of approval.

D. Agape Picnic: April 8, traffic barriers to block Labor St. are being coordinated by Felipe Arroyo. Bounce house information will be coordinated by Jenee Blanco. Mark Freemyer to forward contact information from last year’s event provider.

E. Speaker lecture: Fr. John, February 10, 3p.

F. 100th Anniversary (April 2018): St. Anthony’s is on the City of San Antonio’s 300th Anniversary website. Taylor Troy will be forwarding the website link to the parish at large and Scott Smith will ensure that all this activity will be reflected on the parish’s various social media outlets and the church website. Final touches on the slide show presentation and possible period costumes by the Farris family during the open house and ongoing.

G. 40th Anniversary (January 2019): His Eminence Bishop Alexander had been invited to attend. Several parishioners have indicated an interest in being a part of the committee.

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

I. Philoxenia House: No change.

VII. New Business

1. Homeless solicitation: Paul White expressed concern with the prevalence of people who continue to approach parishioners during and after services for cash donations. One individual in particular has been particularly persistent with asking for money and some of the women in the parish are concerned. Fr. Leo will approach the individual and ask him to desist. Parish council were also encouraged to wear their name tags, reminded that there is a small food pantry in the kitchen and that the parish has partnered with the CAM to provide help for any individuals looking for assistance.

VIII, Upcoming Events

1. Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7pm.

IX. Closing Prayer

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by the singing of “It is Truly Meet”.

Accepted by:

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Very Rev. Fr. Leo Poore Felipe Arroyo

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