

**Dormition of the Theotokos**  
**2014 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**  
26 January 2014

The Church Council determined that a quorum was met and that the annual meeting could be conducted.

**I. Opening Prayers (O Heavenly King)**

**II. Minutes (2013 Annual Meeting) (Jim Kalemba)**

- Parishioners reviewed printed copies of the minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting.
- Motion to accept minutes as submitted was approved.

**III. Reports**

A. Pastor's Report (Fr. John)

- (1) A special thank you was extended to specific parishioners who have contributed a significant effort over the past year to parish.
- (2) Highlights for 2013
  - (a) Beautification goals have been met.
  - (b) The choir continued to improve.
  - (c) There was increase in the number of parishioners over the past year.
  - (d) Combined annual income exceeded \$100,000 for the first time.
  - (e) Raised over \$17,000 for the building fund.
  - (f) Raised more than \$1,000 for the St. Nicholas Children's Fund.
  - (g) The lenten retreat was well attended.
  - (h) Conducted first funeral since Fr. John arrived at the parish.
  - (i) In spite of several interruptions, completed a successful church school program.
  - (j) Unsuccessful in finding a new church facility.
- (3) Quest for New Facility
  - (a) Discussed the pros and cons for both renting an existing structure and building a new facility.
  - (b) Diocese of South will provide financial assistance for the "right" property purchase.
    - (i) The Diocese would contribute up to \$1M for the purchase.
    - (ii) The parish would be required to pay back the loan but the terms would be much more favorable than a traditional loan from a financial institution. (Loan repayment would be based on monthly income of the parish.)
  - (c) Feedback from the parish was that either renting or purchasing would be acceptable.
- (4) Goals for 2014
  - (a) Continue to increase building fund.
  - (b) Find a new facility.
  - (c) Reduce the number of special purchases.
  - (d) Show the Diocese that the parish is committed to the process of moving to a larger facility.
  - (e) Continue philanthropy.
  - (f) Continue to improve choir.

(5) Choir Rehearsal

- (a) No one was in favor of conducting choir rehearsal on a weekday instead of on Sunday after liturgy.

B. Treasurer's Report (Karl Rusnak)

(1) Operating Budget Financial Summary for 2013

- (a) Total Income: \$95,702.67
- (b) Total Disbursements: \$92,741.91
- (c) Surplus: \$2,960.76

(2) Building Fund

- (a) Total 2013 Income: \$17,200.93

(3) Sunday School Account

- (a) Total 2013 Income: \$131.08

(4) Budget Plan for 2014

- (a) Motion to accept 2014 Budget as submitted was approved.

C. Auditing Committee Report (David Drillock/Tom Downing/Frank Zahar)

- After a thorough review of the financial records, the Auditing Committee concluded that the financial records for the church are in order.

**IV. Religious Education (Fr. John)**

A. Adult Education

- Fr. John is open to suggestions from parishioners for 2014 educational topics.

B. Church School

- Fr. John will be meeting with parents on February 2 to discuss plans for the 2014 school year.

**V. Choir (David Drillock)**

A. A special thank you was extended to Yana Lowry and Anastasia Ellis for directing the choir in David's absence.

B. Thanks were extended to choir members for their participation throughout the year.

C. Rehearsals will continue to be conducted throughout the year to continue improvements.

**VI. Outreach (Fr. John)**

A. Continue to support the Georges Mission in Uganda.

B. Supporting the St. Maria Skobtsova Community Meal program at Annunciation Cathedral. This program provides meals to the needy every Thursday throughout the year.

**VII. Old Business**

A. (No topics to discuss.)

**VIII. New Business**

A. Bake Sales will be held on May 3 and November 8.

**B. Backpack Project – Parish Community Activity**

- 1) Parish will collect slightly used backpacks.
- 2) Each backpack will be filled with various essentials items for homeless people.
- 3) The backpacks can then be given to the homeless throughout the year.
- 4) Cost for materials for each backpack will be ~\$20.

**IX. Elections**

**A. Parish Council**

- a) There are 4 open positions this year (with a 2 year commitment).
- b) The nominating committee put forward the following parishioners:
  - i) Maya Crank
  - ii) Ben Andrus
  - iii) Faith Martin
- c) Open nomination was made for Michelle Gracos.
- d) Motion to accept 4 nominations as submitted was approved.
- e) Installation of officers will be held after liturgy on Sunday, 02/02/2014.

**B. Auditing Committee**

- a) Open nomination was made for Dave Drillock, Tom Downing and Mark Mills.
- b) Motion to accept 3 nominations as submitted was approved.

**C. Parish Delegate**

- a) Open nomination was made for Roy Martin.
- b) Motion to accept nomination as submitted was approved.

**X. Closing Prayer / Adjournment (*It is Truly Meet*)**

- Motion to close meeting was approved.