

Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
September 21, 2014

The following Council members were present: Fr. John Cox, Kris Carlson, Karl Rusnak, Adale Martin, Ben Andrus, Michelle Grasos and Jim Kalemba.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. Karl's action in the August minutes was only to research gas bill history. Jim to delete reference to electric bills and reissue August minutes.
 - b. August Parish Council minutes accepted as amended.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Key Points:
 - i. The deficit continues with the same trend as previously discussed; \$8,575 over the past 8 months (~\$1,000 per month).
 - ii. There has been a slight increase in donations in September after the summary presentation to the parish.
 - iii. The financial report was accepted as submitted.
 - b. Gas Bill Research
 - i. Higher consumption of gas this past winter was due to colder temperatures.
 - ii. There was approximately a 70% increase in fuel charge over the same period the previous year.
 - c. OCA Policy for Handing Large Donations
 - i. Recommendation is that the tithe should come from operating funds.
 - d. Results of Financial Summary Presentation to Parish
 - i. There were not many questions asked at the meeting.
4. Father John's Report
 - a. Level 1 background checks have not been completed yet.
 - b. Winter Youth Retreat 2015
 - i. Started initial planning.
 - ii. Fr. John will have more responsibility since no assistant will be helping with the various tasks.

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- c. OCF on Thursday nights continuing.
 - d. Fr. John was asked to support the OCF March 7-14, 2015 retreat to Alaska as was done last year.
5. Growth & Development
- a. Meadowbrook property no longer available.
 - b. Clayton Road Property
 - i. After some discussion, the Council decided not to pursue.
6. Religious Education
- a. Book study on Saturdays continues.
 - b. Sunday School
 - i. No update this month.
7. Old Business
- a. Father's Tax Issue
 - i. No updates this month.
 - b. Assistance for St George's Orthodox Church (Edenton, NC)
 - i. No update this month.
8. New Business
- a. No new business to discuss this month.
9. Next Council Meeting
- a. October 19, 2014
10. Closing Prayer / Adjournment