

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

15 February 2015

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Members present: Ben Andrus, Michelle Grastos, Karl Rusnak, Meg Downing, Anastasia Ellis, Kris Carlson, Fr. John Cox

1. Opening Prayer (*O Heavenly King*)
2. Selection of Council Officers
 - a. Warden – Ben Andrus (M/S/A)
 - b. Treasurer – Karl Rusnak (M/S/A)
 - c. Secretary – Kris Carlson (M/S/A)
3. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. Annual Meeting Minutes: Change honorarium to honoraria
 - i. Accept annual meeting minutes as amended (M/S/A)
 - b. January 2015
 - i. Accepted as printed (M/S/A)
4. Financial Reports
 - a. January 2015
 - i. Came in under budget for January
 - ii. January tithes will go out in February, and will put us in the red
 - b. Annual Meeting Question: why was the pension payment less than normal?
 - i. The OCA changed its pension plan
 - ii. Increase didn't go into effect until February
 - c. Flower donations for Lent
 - i. Normally flowers come from Unrestricted Funds
 - ii. Asking people to contribute after the fact doesn't work
 - iii. Ask for flower donations for Lent – need beautification committee to determine how much to ask for
 - d. Financial report passed as presented. (M/S/A)
5. Father's Comments
 - a. Outreach
 - i. Charity for Lent – suggestion that we give to Arcel and Paula's adoption. (M/S/A)

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- ii. Lenten Soup Supper, Sunday of the Elevation of the Cross, March 22nd
 - b. OCF
 - i. Had conference at College of William and Mary
 - ii. Meeting are will attended
 - c. Clergy Conference Feb 2015
 - i. Nominate new bishop this week
 - ii. Nominee will be ratified in March
 - iii. Will be enthroned in May (first weekend)
 - iv. (Unless Synod rejects nominee)
 - d. March 8th Father will be out of town
6. Growth & Development
- a. 3156 Holland Road
 - i. Civil Engineer creating a site plan to determine how much utility hookups will cost
 - ii. Once engineering is done, we'll have a site plan drawn up.
 - b. Friendly Loans
 - i. There has only been one offer for friendly loans
 - ii. This may not happen until we have engineering and plans done
 - c. Next Steps
 - i. Diocese will not help unless it is a permanent home, and with financial buy-in from the parish.
 - ii. Need to keep our eyes open for other properties in case something falls through.
7. Religious Education
- a. Adult Education – hope to get something done for Lent on Saturday evening
 - b. Church School –
 - i. Children - set up for the rest of the year; need to know if we will do anything over the summer
 - ii. Older – Nearly through with the sacraments; Anastasia will not be able to continue later
 - c. Father will go over Mystagogy during his sermons

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- d. Holy Week bible school
 - i. During spring break through Wednesday
 - ii. Anastasia and
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
 - a. Special events: need to work with other parishes
 - i. St. Tikhon's traveling choir – can we host them?
 - ii. St. Anna's icon from Mt Athos – can we host it?
 - b. Giving
 - i. What do we do when we are asked to assist other? We need a protocol.
 - ii. What do other parishes do? Father will ask at the clergy conference.
 - iii. Hesitant about giving money directly to people we don't know, especially since we are a poor parish
 - c. Next Meeting: March 15th.
- 10. Closing Prayer / Adjournment (*It is Truly Meet*)