

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2018

1. Opening Prayer (Ascension Troparion)
2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved
3. Financial Reports (Karl):
  1. In April we began to close our cash flow gap.
  2. We have already overspent (\$299.66) our budget (\$200) for Miscellaneous/Other due to a likely recurring \$250 payment to the Clergy Brotherhood; in 2019 it might be desirable to include a \$250 line item for the Clergy Brotherhood.
  3. Karl has adjusted the Debts & Deposits feature of the financial report, including line items for Building & Beautification and Programs & Philanthropy.
  4. Diocese was extremely grateful for our 60k debt payment.
  5. Motion to accept financial reports. Approved.
4. Fr. John's comments
  1. New children's class after Wednesday Vespers is going well.
  2. Orthodoxy 101 on Saturday afternoon before Great Vespers is underway and well attended.
  3. Clergy Brotherhood is underway and the schedule of the upcoming year is established; nothing for Dormition except hosting the February 2019 Brotherhood meeting.
  4. Father Barnabas Powell to speak at annual OCF retreat.
  5. New military chaplain, Father Joseph Butts (Antiochian), will fill in for Father John during the OCA All-American Council (weekend of July 29).
5. New Business
  1. Building & Beautification:
    1. 20k to 24k of the 39k we have on hand that is designated for B&B will go to icons.
    2. Ray's sister-in-law is donating a panakhida tray for holding candles that would be placed before the large icon of the crucified Christ.
    3. Elizabeth Randall has suggested creating two side "chapels", opposite one another on the nave's lateral walls, relocating the crucified Christ icon to the west "chapel" and designating the east "chapel" for a large icon and discrete reliquaries of North American saints. Council discussed and was divided on this suggestion.
    4. We require a new altar table – unknown cost due to craftsmanship involved in

carving adornments – but the wood will likely cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

1. Question of a suitable design for the space will be especially acute if we decide to build on our own.
  2. Father to continue to explore.
  5. Father would like a new blessing cross: two options are 1) a mass-produced enameled cross costing roughly \$600 or 2) a Jonathan-Pageau-carved and Andrew-Gould-encased cross costing perhaps twice as much. Council was warm to the second option.
  6. Father requires new set of gold vestments. Cost between \$800-\$1,200.
  7. Council approved spending up to \$1,500 for a blessing cross.
  8. Council approved spending up to \$1,500 for gold vestments.
2. Programs & Philanthropy:
1. FOCUS
    1. will require 3k from every church in the area; our contribution will be the first to get the ball rolling
    2. Council approved 3k donation to FOCUS.
    3. Father John would like to include subsequent 3k donations in future annual budgets.
    4. Father John and John Moxen are FOCUS principals for the Southside of Hampton Roads.
  2. Programs:
    1. Council discussed options, including bringing in 1) speakers for one-off talks or possibly a retreat, and 2) a choir to perform at high profile cultural venue like the Slover library and to sing a weekend service cycle at Dormition.
    2. Father John will explore these options further, including gauging likely costs.
6. Old Business
1. Children's end-of-church-school year party
    1. Party on Saturday, June 2 from 10-12.
    2. Icon gift bag presentation on June 3 after Divine Liturgy.
    3. Council approved \$300 for after school party and gift bag items.
7. Next meeting: Saturday June 16 at 4pm.
8. Close meeting: "It is truly meet".