

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2018

1. Opening Prayer (O Heavenly King)
2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved
3. Financial Reports (Karl):
 1. Financial statement should show a July gift of \$3,404 in stock for balance of \$63,662, thereby putting us clearly in the black for the year.
 2. Our diocesan debt line item, \$2,100, does not reflect June's \$833 tithe, which with our \$1,200 July tithe will eliminate our debt.
 3. The travel line item of \$1,753 is erroneous and will be corrected in August to \$1,593.
 4. Our \$275 budget for Legal & Corporate was based on last year's bill, but the actual bill this year has come in at only \$125.
 5. Motion to approve financial reports approved.
4. Fr. John's comments
 1. The All-American Council went well.
 2. FOCA spearheaded a successful effort to fund a permanent Youth Director position, pledging a 50k matching grant which led to 90k being raised on the spot.
 3. Chancery officers are resigning to facilitate a restructuring.
 4. Financially the OCA is on a sound footing.
 5. Council members should review the OCA's Policy, Standards, and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct so we are all on the same page.
 1. Since their implementation by the OCA these seem to be working well nationally.
 2. We require hooks on the utility closet doors to prevent them from being closed.
 3. We need background checks for our church school teachers.
 1. Father needs a list of teachers
 2. Church will pay for these out of the church school budget
 6. Platytera icon is finished at cost of \$2,000. Father to collect over the weekend of 8/26. To be installed by Church New Year.
 1. Altar plans should be in hand soon.
 2. Father has the agreement for the iconostasis icons.
 7. Vacation Church School at St Nicholas went smoothly
 1. Anastasia & Fr to speak w/organizers about a separate program next year for the older kids.

5. New Business

1. Romanians in the area need someone to minister to them.
 1. Father has spoken with Fr Robert Miclean of Baltimore about coming down to assist in this regard.
 2. Anastasia recommends, and Father agrees, a pilgrimage to the women's Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, PA.
2. Deacon Daniel, Fr Stephen Freeman's intended replacement in Oak Ridge, TN, requires \$250/mo to cover student debt.
 1. DOS is paying his student debt but he carries outstanding debt from two MA degrees
 2. Dormition has been asked to help cover his shortfall.
 3. Council approves a motion effective July 2018 to support Deacon Daniel in the amount of \$250/mo through December 2018.
3. Anastasia urges a signature philanthropic project for our parish.
 1. Solicit parish buy-in at an informal meeting
 2. Peter recommends that in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm the project be 1) high impact and also 2) have a high face-to-face component.
 3. Suggestions include (Anastasia) the new Norfolk homeless shelter which will have a continuing need for sheets, supplies, etc.; and (Father John) the Keim pregnancy centers.

6. Bake sale

1. New printed signs are needed.
2. Plan remains to purchase a bounce house, but we will need a place to store it.
 1. Revisit next council meeting

3. Next meeting: 4pm Saturday, September 22.

4. Close meeting: "It is Truly Meet".