

Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
May 15, 2013

The following Council members were present: Fr. John Cox, Kris Carlson, Ruth Cornwell, Jim Kalemba and Karl Rusnak.

1. Opening Prayer (*O Heavenly King*)
2. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the April 21, 2013 Parish Council Meeting were approved as amended (per email from Ruth Cornwell).
3. Financial Reports
  - a. The April 30, 2013 Financial Report was approved as submitted.
4. Father John's Report
  - a. Supported Deanery meeting the week of May 6.
  - b. In general, the church services of Holy Week and Pascha went well. Fr. John was short-handed with help during some services and with tasks that needed to be done outside of services. Need to find a way to involve more assistance from parish in the future.
  - c. Continued to meet with catechumens on Saturday evenings.
  - d. Would like to celebrate more liturgies and expand celebration of the Dormition feast.
  - e. Would like to have additional social activities for the parish. Some possibilities:
    - i. parish picnic at a local park
    - ii. pool party
    - iii. attend a baseball game
  - f. Diocesan Assembly is scheduled at the end of July. Fr. John and Karl will attend.
  - g. Discussed the practice of using different languages during some sections of services. All in agreement that it is not a distraction at this time so will continue the practice.
  - h. Fr. John and family will be on vacation the last week of May.
5. Growth & Development
  - a. Facilities
    - i. Continued to look at some facilities but none had any real potential.
    - ii. Discussed the option of expanding current facility. Fr. John to discuss the feasibility of expanding the building with Bayview UCC.
  - b. Building Fund
    - i. Monthly building fund collection to be made the first Sunday of each month.
6. Religious Education
  - a. No updates to discuss this month.

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7. Old Business
  - a. Exterior Maintenance
    - i. Still no date from Bayview UCC on building repairs and door replacement.
    - ii. Karl painted the entrance door prior to Pascha.
  - b. Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, 5/18/13.
  - c. Parish Council Nominating Committee
    - i. Committee needs to be formed.
    - ii. Committee will consist of 3 people (one of which will be Fr. John.)
  - d. Need to explore offering some form of babysitting during the next parish meeting.
  - e. Insurance Policy Change
    - i. Transition to new insurance company has been completed.
    - ii. Karl to request a quote for liability coverage for council members.
  - f. Kids Room
    - i. No progress on implementing changes.
8. New Business
  - a. No new topics discussed this month.
9. Next Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, 6/16/13. Fr. John to discuss with David some form of arrangement with choir practice on those Sunday's when there is a Parish Council Meeting.
10. Closing Prayer / Adjournment (*It is Truly Meet*)