

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 19 2015

Agenda

- 1) Opening Prayer (*O Heavenly King*)
- 2) Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a) March 2015
 - b) Approved with one abstention (M/S/A)
- 3) Financial Reports
 - a) March 2015
 - i) March put us in the black by \$290 for the year
 - ii) April to date have collected \$5,200 in unrestricted funds
 - iii) Ed Campbell Memorial fund has collected \$200 for the building fund
 - iv) February's electric paid, but not by us. Possibly by Bayview United (if mis-delivered)
 - b) Approved (M/S/A)
- 4) Father's Comments
 - a) Pascha went smoothly,
 - i) People stepped up and filled their roles.
 - ii) Attendance was good and steady throughout Holy Week
 - b) Outreach
 - i) We have had the St. Bridget's group in the past, but it isn't ongoing
 - ii) We need to develop an internal and external outreach
 - (1) Help people with meals
 - (2) Help with maintenance and support of the physical plant
 - (3) Philanthropic activity
 - (4) Make this official, add information to the church website
 - c) OCF
 - i) Food insecure feeding
 - ii) OCF winding down for the school year
 - d) Three day children's retreat during Holy Week
 - i) Children baked prosphora, build the candle box for the twelve gospel service
 - ii) Lots of adult support
 - e) All-American Council this summer
 - i) Anastasia and Fr. John will attend
 - f) We need to pre-arrange people to clean after Pascha
 - g) Suggestion that we should schedule the Pascha Agape service in early afternoon.
 - h) We should start thinking about our 40th anniversary in 2018.

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- 5) Growth & Development
 - a) 3156 Holland Road
 - i) The land development cost sheet came out to \$1.4 million
 - (1) Utilities, hookups, and parking.
 - (2) If this is valid, we need to examine other options
 - ii) Other comparable projects come in at much less cost.
 - iii) Will be requesting a second professional opinion through Mark Mills
 - (1) The civil engineers added unnecessary things to the plan
 - (2) The cost of the second civil engineering plan should come in much less.
 - b) PayPal button added to Dormition website
 - i) Placed on home page and Site Plan page
 - ii) We have received two donations in April for a total of \$140.
 - iii) Money held by PayPal until we direct them to transfer it to our bank account.
 - iv) We need to make it clear that if the monies are for the building fund, to add a note.
 - v) We need to write thank you notes and send them a tax receipt.
 - (1) Write thank you notes (Meg)
 - (2) We need to get Dormition stationary or letterhead (Fr. John)
 - (3) Make the thank you note the tax receipt (Meg)
 - c) Friendly Loans
 - i) Cannot offer friendly loans to people not associated with the Church in some way
 - ii) Crowdfunding is still on the table, but cannot be part of the friendly loan process.
- 6) Religious Education
 - a) Adult Education
 - i) Will put together a new education class (Orthodox Basics?)
 - b) Church School
 - i)
 - ii) Children's service – could Fr. John do bible stories over the summer?
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Community Assistance
 - b) Bake Sale – May 16th
 - i) Need to create a focused list of things that sell (Anastasia)
 - (1) Unusual or pretty things tend to sell
 - (2) Pound cakes and such don't sell
 - ii) Need to have more people help. Ruth and Galena aren't up to it.
- 8) New Business
 - a) Next Meeting – May 24th

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- b) Replenish Tracts
 - i) The pamphlets display is looking sparse. Sends the wrong message. (Fr. John)
- c) More Divine Liturgy and special service booklets
 - i) Not enough copies for guests
 - ii) Need more copies of the special service booklets; not enough for the choir, let alone the congregation.
 - iii) Invite people to purchase copies
 - iv) Purchase special service books for the congregation (Meg)
 - v) Purchase additional Liturgy books (Fr. John will research)
- d) Upgrade wiring
 - i) Existing wiring is insufficient for our needs
 - (1) Popping circuit breakers
 - (2) Limits our ability to plug in crockpots, hot plates, use the microwave, etc.
 - ii) Ungrounded, two-conductor wiring doesn't meet code
 - (1) Fellowship Hall
 - (2) Children's room
 - iii) Need to talk to Bayview United to see if they will approve it and possibly pay for it. (Fr. John will talk to Jerry about it)
 - iv) If Jerry approves, we'll get a couple estimates and figure out who pays
- e) Mother's Day breakfast
 - i) Flowers to give away (carnations)
 - ii) Mother's day breakfast – will not have this year
 - (1) The week before bake sale
 - (2) May 10th will be a big wake for Ed Campbell
- f) Greek Fest May 14th-17th (Anastasia)
 - i) Possibly go as a group?
 - ii) Meet at Faith's house.
- g) Church Health Indicators
 - i) Viability
 - (1) 100 persons in attendance
 - (2) >\$100,000 budget/revenue
 - (3) Full time pastor/priest
 - (4) Have your own building (not a temp/shared space)
 - ii) Health
 - (1) Inward focus vs. outward focus
 - (2) Growth vs. stasis

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9) Closing Prayer / Adjournment (*It is Truly Meet*)