

Dormition of the Theotokos

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2015

1. Opening Prayer (*O Heavenly King...*)
2. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. November Minutes accepted (M/S/A)
3. Financial Reports - November 2015
 - a. Reviewed yearly disbursements to prepare for next year's budget.
 - b. Comment that Fr. John has been here four years without a raise.
 - c. November Reports accepted (M/S/A)
4. Father's Comments
 - a. Family at battered woman's shelter.
 - i. We had a family donate nearly everything.
 - ii. We should help reimburse Fr. Joseph and family for their contributions
 - b. OCF done for the year, and will start up again next semester.
 - c. Meg will not be returning to the council. Michelle will be moving. Suggested that we switch to a five person council. This will have to be approved by the Church.
 - d. We have a number of people leaving. The people who are leaving make major contributions to the church educationally, chorally, organizationally, and financially.
 - e. The greening of the church went well on a Sunday. We should do this next year on the Sunday nearest to St. Nicholas' day.
5. Growth and Development
 - a. Suggestion that we all pledge to invite five people to church next year; another suggestion that we try to invite one person per month.

- b. Request that we raise this to the parish at the annual meeting
- 6. Religious Education
 - a. Church School – with Michelle leaving, we will not have a teacher.
 - i. One suggestion is a school coop
 - ii. Another suggestion is that if the parents don't want to take it on, we shut it down.
 - b. Adult Education
 - i. Catechism class to begin in January
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Church Secretary -tabled
 - b. Alternative Fund Raising ideas
 - i. Cookbook
 - ii. Prayer ropes and icons
 - c. Co-sponsoring a refugee family – doesn't have the information yet.
 - d. Giving to single seminarians. Will purchase \$30 gift cards for Walmart and send them to the seminary.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Sponsoring Boy's and Girl's Club
 - b. January Meeting – 17 January
 - c. Annual Meeting -31 January
 - d. New Council Members
- 9. Closing Prayer / Adjournment (*It is Truly Meet*)