

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2017

1. Opening Prayer (Oh, Heavenly King)
2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved:
Mark Mills proposed the motion
Karl Rusnak second the motion
3. Financial Reports:
 - a. Parish is 5K in the black due to stock proceeds and anonymous gifts.
 - b. Bake Sale proceeds to go to fresh robes for Altar servers.
 - c. Bounce House rental to come out of Sunday School fund, as previously planned.
 - d. Karl Rusnak to publicize ACH debiting.
 - e. Financial Report approved. Mark Mills moved to approve the report, Anastasia Ellis seconded the motion to approve.
4. Father John's Report:
 - a. Book studies and lectures are well attended, both in person and by video feed.
 - b. Father John video records the book studies and lectures, posting them on Facebook and the parish YouTube channel.
 - c. During Advent on Wednesdays a Service of Thanksgiving will be offered in lieu of Vespers, including the singing of "Oh Come, Emmanuel", a hymn with pre-schism origins and known to the Western Churches. This hymn will be sung by adding one of the verses with each week as we progress to Christmas. After the Service of Thanksgiving, Father John will tell in segments the story of the Jesse Tree, a Genealogy of Jesus Christ.
 - d. Father John reports that the Bake Sale and Neighborhood Picnic was energetically supported by the parish, and that we had at least the usual amount of traffic. He is determined to boost the advertisement effort for the next sale with more signage and broader flyer distribution. He emphasized the outreach goal of the bake sale over it being a money maker for the parish. He will approach the organizers of the Bake Sale about moving the sale to October, when the weather is amenable. The next bake sale will be in May of 2018.

e. Father John will be on vacation after Christmas. There will be no services held at Dormition of the Theotokos from December 26, 2017 through January 5, 2018.

5. New Business:

a. Anastasia Ellis introduced and briefly explained a new fund raising initiative, the Cookie Walk. It is a Holiday Cookie sale intended as a fund raiser and fun community activity. A flyer will be distributed to explain what and how it works. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 16 - 10:00AM - 12:00PM, and Sunday, December, 17 - 11:30AM - 1:00PM.

b. Friday, December 15 will be movie night at the church. "A Christmas Carol" will be viewed on a big screen t.v.

c. OCA outreach for Seminarians raised \$500. This collection is intended for the support of St. Vladimir students. Another collection is planned.

6. Building:

a. Outdoor Lighting

1. It is desired by the Parish Council that the church signs, cross, and front of the building be lit by flood lights at night as a way of announcing our presence and providing safety. Mark Mills will spearhead this effort due to his technical expertise.
2. A motion sensitive flood light was installed on the south east corner of the church building to illuminate the side walk and trash bins along that side of the building.
3. The large pole lights near Shephard Avenue which will illuminate the church parking are rented from Dominion Power. The rent is still in St. Paul's Church name (our church neighbor) and they are slow to act to have the light rental transferred over to Dormition of Father John has approached them on numerous occasions about this.

b. Greening of the Church: Scheduled for Dec. 3. Donations are needed to buy the fresh greens and a 9 foot artificial tree.

7. Old Business:

a. The wood working shop is set up at Roy Martin's house.

b. First planned project will be Kiots to house and display the church's collection of icons.

8. The next council meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2017 @ 5:00PM

9. Close meeting: "It Is Truly Meet".