

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2018

1. Opening Prayer (O Heavenly King)
2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved
3. Financial Reports (Karl):
 1. Our Managed debt payment is eliminated.
 2. Our cash flow deficit continues to narrow: \$1,000 has reduced to about \$650.
 3. Our diocesan debt should be eliminated in three months.
 4. Most of our assets are now on deposit with the diocese.
 5. Anastasia: We spend about \$300 twice a year for the bounce house; we can buy one for between \$1,300 and \$2,000, saving ourselves money the long run.
 6. Motion to approve financial reports approved.
4. Fr. John's comments
 1. Father doesn't have a replacement priest for planned July & August absences; Father Joseph Butts will be unable after all to fill in during the All-American Council.
 1. Anastasia recommends a typica service with communion, which is well-received by the council.
 2. Adult and children's classes are going well.
 3. Father is on the credentials committee for the upcoming All-American council.
 4. Shake-ups are pending in the OCA chancery.
5. Old & New Business
 1. Iconostasis:
 1. Father forwarded to council members digital mock-ups.
 2. The Council discussed options, approved a few changes.
 3. Anastasia recommended sharing with the parish.
 1. Council agreed; will likely happen next Sunday.
 4. Once iconostasis plans are approved, we can officially commission the seven icons (plus the Platytera that is already being written).
 2. FOCUS:
 1. Things have gotten a bit complicated: The FOCUS structure, requiring central control, is a point of contention amongst the area clergy.
 2. It's uncertain whether a long-term FOCUS center will be established here.

3. However we have received a one-off request for local churches to collectively provide 350 backpacks for the beginning of the school year, of which Dormition will accept responsibility for 50.
 1. End of August
 2. Monies already planned for FOCUS can be redirected to this.
3. Uganda missionaries:
 1. Father would like to have the Georges back here.
 2. We can redirect surplus FOCUS monies to their efforts.
4. Rugs:
 1. Father to order.
5. Blessing cross:
 1. Jonathan Pageau to craft; will require a deposit.
6. Vestments:
 1. Nothing to report.
7. Father to invite Fr Marcus Birch, Diocesan Chancellor, for parish feast day in 2019.
8. Bishop Alexander to be here Saturday, November 16 for lunch and a panakhida or molten.
9. Programs:
 1. Speakers:
 1. Jonathan Pageau possibly available to speak here in the autumn.
 2. Other possible speakers:
 1. Fr. Samuel Davis
 2. Fr. Moses Berry
 3. Main question as we consider speakers: To what audience are we trying to appeal?
 4. Father to reach out to Frs. Samuel and Moses.
 2. Choir:
 1. St Tikhon's choir: Christmas concert during western advent?
 2. Father to contact.
10. Mark Mills and Yvonne will host Dormition potluck on afternoon/evening of our parish feast day, August 15.
 1. On the eve of the feast Father will serve Vespers with the Lamentations.
11. Anastasia recommends a "40 acts of kindness" service effort to commemorate our 40 years as a parish.
 1. We will need to put together a list of 40 acts / tasks / projects.
 2. Anastasia will get ideas from her brother, Fr Andrew Nelko's parish which has undertaken a similar project at his parish.

3. Next meeting: 4pm, August 11.

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