

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2018

I. Opening Prayer- "O Heavenly King"

II. Council Members present: Fr. John Cox, Anastasia Ellis, Karl Rusnak, Kevin Combes

III. The minutes from the previous council meeting were approved.

IV. Financial Report given by Karl Rusnak:

The parish is in the black by \$900 YTD. The parishes' current mortgage is due in 2021. It is the Treasurer's hope that we will be able to retire the current mortgage in the ensuing 3 years. The report was approved.

V. Fr. John's comments:

Fr. John first addressed some philanthropy needs. St. Basil The Great Church in Wilmington, NC., which was adversely effected by Hurricane Florence, has started a GoFund Me page for the relief of her parishioners, and those in need. They have collected about \$20,000 as of the date of this council meeting, with a goal of collecting \$50,000. They will distribute aid to those in need through a vetting process. A matching funds donation to this effort was approved by the parish council, to match funds collected from parishioners of Dormition of the Theotokos over the next three weeks.

It was decided by the parish council not to replace Peter Greenman by appointment. Peter Greenman moved with his family to New York and so had to resign from the council. It is only 3 months until the next Annual Parish meeting and elections of council members.

The local Romanian parish, St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church, is without a parish priest at this time.

The current conflict between the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Russian Orthodox Church is unresolved and may lead to schism. It is unclear how the trickle down effect, if any, will impact relations between the orthodox parishes in our immediate area.

One of the trees west of the church building, near the drainage ditch, has some rot. The council will explore options for removal.

Fr. John ordered \$500 worth of service books to replenish the worn and missing ones.

Fr. John regularly visits the sick and shut in members associated with our parish on Sunday afternoon.

VI. Additional Business  
Church Supplies:

Up till now we have been relying upon donations of regularly consumed supplies such as disposable plates, forks, knives, spoons, toilet and paper supplies, as well as trash bags. It is the desire of the parish council that these items be given a line item in the budget so that a steady and secure supply may be assured.

The Fall Bake Sale is scheduled for October 20 between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00pm. Fr. John will procure the bounce house for the amusement of the children and to attract attention. It was decided to split the Fall Bake Sale proceeds 50/50 between our philanthropy fund and our beautification fund. In addition to the bounce house, grilled hotdogs will be offered.

The annual Cookie Walk is scheduled for December 15. All proceeds will benefit the church school.

There are design delays for the Altar Table and Panikhida Table. We need to have the Altar Table in place before the Iconostasis. The parish council hopes to have these items ready for the next Liturgical year. Fr. John may approach Fr. Andrew Tregubov, an iconographer, about painting some of the additional icons in order to maintain momentum for our beautification efforts.

The area rugs intended for the Nave are still to be determined.

The parish council will consider a lighting upgrade in the Nave.

VII. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for October 20 @ 11:00am.

VIII. Closing Prayer- "It Is Truly"