

Dormition of the Theotokos. O.C.A. Regular Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in the Nave of Dormition of the Theotokos, O.C.A.

736 Sheppard Ave., Norfolk, VA 23518

January 18, 2020

The meeting convened at 4:35 PM following the opening prayer, "O Heavenly King". Present for the meeting was The Reverend Father John Cox, Anastasia Ellis as Warden, Kevin Combes as Secretary, Karl Rusnak as Treasurer, Diane Blischak, and Jack Damon.

A. Review/Approval Previous Meeting Minutes

A review of the minutes of the Regular Parish Council Meeting held December 14, 2019 was conducted.

A.1 Motion Ellis/ Damon - To accept the previous Regular Parish Council Meeting minutes as amended. CARRIED.

B. Financial Reports

Karl Rusnak, Treasurer, then presented the end of year financial reports ending December 31, 2019. It was noted that the closing balance on December 31, 2019 was \$3087.86 less than the opening balance of January 1, 2019 due to the assistance rendered to St. Anne Orthodox Church to cover the salary of Fr. Daniel Greeson, the successor of Fr. Stephen Freeman. The planned expenditures met expectations with the exception of Honoraria and Travel. The end of year financial report will be submitted at the Annual Parish meeting for acceptance.

Karl then presented The Proposed Spending Plan 2020. A discussion about adding a line item for Women's Group and a line item for Men's Group was tabled.

B.1 Motion Blischak/Damon - To submit for approval the Proposed Spending Plan 2020 at the Annual Parish Meeting as amended . CARRIED.

C. Father John's Comments

Father John will be leading a study of Every Day Saints and Other Stories by Archimandrite Tikhon.

The newly formed Women's Group will be meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month @ 5:30 PM at Coaster Coffee.

Fr. Stephen will be heading up a Men's Group.

Fr. John Cox will be attending a diocesan clergy conference in Miami February 11-13, 2020.

An OCF retreat will be held at William and Mary University in Williamsburg February 14 and 15, 2020.

A women's retreat is planned for February 28 to noon March 1, 2020. Mat. Shari Duesenberry is the liaison. There is planned a Deanery Retreat for clergy only in Kingsport, Tennessee in April of this year. Father John has acquired purple covers, but still needs to acquire green covers and gold robes. Father Ted Panchak has generously indicated that he will pay for the iconostasis. An anonymous donor will match the cost of other beautification projects, such as the commissioned hand cross, Gospel Cover, and furniture. Father John Cox is a board member of the Philip Ludwell Society. March 27th @ 6:00PM Ludwell's Presanctified Liturgy will be celebrated with period music. A Q & A session and Lenten meal will follow. Father John Cox will be filling in for the chancellor, the V. Rev. Marcus Burch, in Greenville, SC. Father John will drop off the iconostasis doors at our iconographers study during this trip.

D. Additional Business

Jack Damon will work on putting together an Emergency Response Plan. Jack Damon reports that the chair rail project he is working on is coming along. The chair rail is to be installed on the back wall of the Nave.

E. Adjournment

The meeting closed with prayer, "It Is Truly", at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Combes,

Secretary