

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - February 7, 2017**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 pm with prayer. Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for attending.

**Roll Call:** Janice Leyden. **Council Members Present:** Janice Leyden, Nilda Salavachi, Michele Lorimer, Donna Dimitri, Jani Mara, Sergio Georgi, William Bortner. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Dorothy Tomassini, Linda Biando. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks Ledford.

**Secretary's Report:** The January 2017 minutes was presented by Michele Lorimer. Two corrections noted: 1) Spelling correction made in line three under Pastor's Report to the name Anesa. 2) Delete the names of the two parishioner donors. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the January 2017 minutes with the amendments. Janice Leyden seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nilda Salavachi presented the January 2017 Treasurer's Report. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Janice Leyden. All were in favor.

**Pastor Report:** Father Brooks

- 1) Father discussed with Parish Council the importance for all board members to have knowledge about the church.
- 2) Baptisms: Kashari children were baptized January 7th Parish Ministry Teams  
**Outreach** - parish pamphlet will soon be available both in English and Albanian. Marinella will translate it to Albanian.  
**Charity & Benevolence** - meeting February 22nd  
**YAL** - met on January 28th and discussed the Gospel of Mark and current issues. Will meet February 25th and begin Schmemann's book on Great Lent.  
**Stewardship** - Stephanie Kosta will lead the committee. Will meet late February.  
**Youth Group** - February 18th (date will most likely change) pizza & movie.
- 4) Pre-marriage class - Wednesday, February 8th.
- 5) Diocesan tele-conference - Thursday, February 9th.
- 6) Great Lent begins Sunday night February 26th. First Pre-sanctified liturgy Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm.
- 7) Home Blessings/visitations have started.
- 8) Sign-up sheet for reading in the church beginning Holy Friday night. High school kids will take the night shift readings.
- 9) Church will be open during Great Lent 12-1:00 pm Tuesday-Friday.

**Chairperson's Report:** Donna Dimitri

- 1) Building Update
  - South side upper roof/gutter project April - May
  - Problems with the boiler were repaired (new igniter) Jim Stritch \$702.00.
  - George the plumber repaired the men's urinal, tightened the parts inside the flush valve.
  - Steve Coraluzzi donated an iPad which has been mounted in the side vestibule. Software will be installed so we can see who is at the door without opening it.
  - Purchased new wifi enabled thermostats to monitor the heat and a/c remotely. Will be installed.
- 2) Website
  - Sergio will be helping Tish with the website maintenance.
- 3) Final 2016 Contribution Statements were emailed
- 4) OCA Sexual Misconduct Policy was emailed to everyone. The forms need to be signed and then will be sent to Archbishop Nikon.
- 5) Archdiocesan Assembly
  - Hosted at St. John Chrysostom September 21-23, 2017.
  - Clergy dinner on Thursday night 11 clergy, Audra and unknown number spouses. Assembly at church. Hotel too expensive for everything. We will decide on food, possibly have event catered. Looking at possibly 35-40 people depending on how many people from parish attend for dinner Friday night. Breakfast on Saturday morning for 30-35 assembly attendees and our parishioners.
  - A subcommittee for the assembly has been formed: Donna Dimitri, William Bortner, Steve Coraluzzi, Nilda Salavachi, Spartak Brahollari, Linda Notskas.
- 6) Archdiocesan tele-conference Thursday, February 9th. Contact Donna Dimitri if you are interested in listening in and you will be sent an access code.
- 7) Parish Directory will be published at the end of February. An announcement will be put in the messenger asking for photos.

**Sunday School Report:** Steve Coraluzzi

- 1) Ice Skating Outing was January 29th. Approximately 35-40 people attended.
- 2) Sunday School sponsored coffee hour during the month of January.
- 3) Kathy Costa volunteered her home for end of the year Sunday school party.
- 4) Lazarus Saturday April 8th.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Soup-er Bowl Sunday was a success thank you Linda Biando! About 21 soups were made. \$430.00 was raised and will be donated to Project Home in Philadelphia.
- 2) Women's Day Dance March 4th, 6-11 pm.

3) Pascha Preparations

- Meatfare Sunday February 19th
- Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday February 26th
- Lent begins February 27th
- Sunday of Orthodoxy March 5th
- Veneration of the Cross March 19th
- Palm Sunday April 9th
- Pascha April 16th, 1:00 pm Agape Vespers
- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5th @7:00 pm.
- Holy Week 7:00 pm

4) Next Council Meeting Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Janice Leyden seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer  
Secretary