

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – November 9, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:05 pm with prayer. Father thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Roll Call – Janice Leyden. **Council Members Present:** Janice Leyden, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavachi, Sergio Georgi. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Biando. Linda Notskas, Linda Kosta. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. Also present at the meeting were Colleen Georgi and Fiori Papa (newly nominated for parish council). **Absent:** William Bortner, Donna Dimitri, Dorothy Tomassini, Jani Mara.

Secretary's Report: The October 2017 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Sergio Georgi and seconded by Nilda Salavachi. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The October 2017 Treasurer's report was presented by Nilda Salavachi. **1)** There is \$65,295.36 in the checking account and \$193,836.16 in the investment account. **2)** We received \$12,706.00 from the icon auction. **3)** \$300.00 was spent on the website for the hosting service. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Michele Lorimer and seconded by Sergio Georgi. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Visitations
 - Father Brooks visited Paul Spiro and gave him communion.
 - Father also visited Betty Subashi after her knee surgery and reported that she is doing very well.
- 2) Committees
 - YAL group got together October 28, 2017. They met at the church for a prayer service and then went out for food and drink.
 - Outreach Committee is chaired by Janice Leyden.
 - Charity & Benevolence will be helping with Hurricane Relief and Sunday Breakfast, this Committee is run by Sandi Fiss.
- 3) Chrismations
 - Laura Hall – November 26th
- 4) Baptisms
 - Teresa Papa, daughter of Eduard and Elena will be baptized November 25th.
- 5) Children's Sermon is going very well.
- 6) Vacation
 - Father will be away from January 9th- 21st, 2018.
- 7) Swearing in of council members will take place Sunday, November 21st.

Chairperson Report: Janice Leyden

- 1) Greeters are all set.

- 2) Thanksgiving Presentation is underway, thank you Sandi Fiss.
- 3) Building Update (report sent from Donna Dimitri)
 - gutter/roof project – The entire back section has been completed. The workers are moving to the north side this week. On schedule to complete the project by the end of November. Thus far there have been a couple of days they did not work due to the weather. To date we have paid the contractor \$22,926.60 and have paid \$11,430.58 for materials. At the special parish meeting we were approved to spend up to \$72,000.00 for the project. We agreed to labor costs of \$54,000.00, so we have a balance of \$31,073.40. Additional materials will be purchased based on the damage to the roof rafters and sheathing (we have approximately \$6,500.00 of the \$72,000.00 remaining). A comprehensive report will be given at the December meeting.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School – Steve Coraluzzi
 - Halloween party went very well, thank you Paula Bendo.
 - Gertrude Hawk candy sale will begin Sunday, November 12, 2017.
 - Attendance has been very good.

Old Business:

- 1) Janice Leyden proposed a motion to take a vote on whether or not to hold the 50/50 during the Nameday Celebration. All were in favor to do so.

New Business:

- 1) Nameday Luncheon will be Sunday, November 12, 2017.
- 2) Christmas Stationary needs to be ordered.
- 3) Albanian Flag Day will be celebrated November 26th, 2017.
- 4) Church decorating for Christmas, December 2nd at 10:00 am.
- 5) Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 10, 2017.
- 6) Christmas Liturgy, December 24th at 4:00 pm.
- 7) Next Parish Council Meeting Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary