

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – February 13, 2018
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:10 pm with prayer.

Roll Call – Michele Lorimer. **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Michele Lorimer, William Bortner, Nilda Salavachi, Fiori Papa. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Linda Biando. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** Janice Leyden, Steve Coraluzzi, Linda Kosta, Dorothy Tomassini.

Secretary's Report: The January 2018 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Nilda Salavachi and seconded by Sergio Georgi. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The January 2018 Treasurer's report were presented by Nilda Salavachi. **1)** \$20,120.00 has been pledged for 2018. Our budget is \$60,000.00. We have received \$3,277.00. **2)** 2018 Icons – promised \$16,575.00, received \$4,200.00. **3)** Donna Dimitri proposed that we move \$15,000.00 from our checking account to our investment account. Fiori Papa made the motion to do so, William Bortner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Father Brooks is very happy with how well things are going in our parish.
- 2) Great Lent begins Monday, February 19th. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evenings beginning February 21st at 7:00pm. Lenten (pot luck) dinner & discussion will be held in the church hall following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.
- 3) Charity & Benevolence meeting March 1st at 7:00pm.
- 4) Baptism – Olivia Gore, daughter of Nick & Athina, Saturday, March 3rd.
- 5) Outreach meeting March 8th at 7:00pm.
- 6) Veneration of the Holy Cross – March 11th.

Vice-Chairperson Report: Janice Leyden (not present – no report)

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Father Dimitrie Vincent – priest at Farmington Hill MI, suffered a spinal cord injury while playing ice hockey in November 2017. He is doing better but has a long recovery ahead. The Charity & Benevolence Committee will be advised. Father Dimitrie will be added to our prayer list.
- 2) OCA Metropolitan council meeting in St. Louis July 23rd in conjunction with the OCA All American Council. We will select delegates at the March semi-parish meeting.
- 3) Archdiocesan Teleconference Thursday 2/15/18. Will report on the teleconference at the March meeting.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi (not present but report was sent via email)
 - Attendance has been very light for Sunday school during the month of January. This past weekend we had our first good attendance of students (about 14).
 - Still working on getting hold of the U of P ice skating staff to get a date for ice skating party.

- 2) Technology Update – Sergio Georgi
 - As discussed at last meeting, phase 1, which was to embed a calendar on our site with events from different categories has been worked on. Phase 2 has been completed as well. On-line calendar is accessible from the church homepage.
 - Also added coffee hour and panels for Donation, Pledge, and Facebook.

- 3) Pascha Preparations
 - Egg dye has been ordered (120 packets)
 - Flowers will be ordered from Produce Junction, 600 flowers (red & white carnations)
 - Sunday of Orthodoxy – February 25, 2018.
 - Lazarus Saturday – March 31st.

Old Business:

- 1) Soup-er Bowl Sunday – Linda Biando
 - Linda thanked everyone for their contributions. Attendance was down a bit, but we were still able to raise \$476.00 which will be donated to a local charity.

- 2) Women's Day Dance – Nilda Salavachi
 - March 3, 2018, 5-10:00pm. About 50 people have signed up for the dance, will start collecting the money.

New Business:

- 1) Archdiocesan Teleconference – Thursday, February 14th.

- 2) Funeral suggestions – Linda Notskas
 - Soul/memorial Saturday – A service remembering all the departed, held during the Lenten season. All names requested will be read, grape/wheat. Also a lite Lenten lunch will be held in the church hall in memory of the departed.

- 3) Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, William Bortner seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer - Secretary

