

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – July 10, 2018
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 the meeting.

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

Secretary's Report: The June 2018 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Correction to the minutes under the Treasurer's Report - \$17,223.00 was pledged, not \$34,470.00. Janice Leyden made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, with the modification noted under the Treasurer's report. Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi presented the June 2018 Treasurer's report. 1) We have received \$19,929.00 in Pledges and \$7,985.00 from Icons for 2018. 2) \$610.00 was received from the church painting event. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

A. Parish Ministry Teams

- 1) Stewardship committee met on June 7th to continue our work on things to do for our parish, especially financially.
- 2) Outreach committee met on June 12th to discuss further ways to communicate our mission to others. We need to be more attentive to those who are visiting, and reach out to them at coffee hour, and provide brochures. Most visitors miss our pamphlet stand.
- 3) Charity & Benevolence committee met on June 26th. We are planning Sunday (September 16th) to set out tables in front of the church after Liturgy to distribute food, clothing, and toiletries for those who need them. We will make out fliers to distribute beforehand.
- 4) YAL will be meeting at Jerry and Laura's home on August 11th to view a film and talk about it.
- 5) Liturgical committee will be meeting again on July 17th to finish up new Liturgical books for the pews. We will also start on Vespers books and plan on having Vespers one Saturday a month.

B. Events

- 1) We hosted a family court mediation on June 19th.
- 2) On June 20th, father met with Nilda, Janice, and Donna to discuss some situations in the Albanian community. Very productive.
- 3) On June 15th father did a memorial/burial service for Michael Theokary.

- 4) On July 2nd we laid to rest Lilly Shallipi.
- 5) August 14th we will have a Vespers Liturgy at 7:00 pm for the repose of the Theotokos, potluck following.
- 6) August 12th, the Stewardship committee will meet briefly after Liturgy.
- 7) August 19th, we will celebrate the wedding of Costina and Mike.
- 8) August 26th, we will have our annual outdoor Liturgy and picnic at Neshaminy Park.

C. All American Conference

- 1) The All American Conference will begin on July 22nd. Our Council Chairperson, Donna Dimitri, and Fr. Brooks will attend. We will also have a lay delegate, Diane Lescas. The ACC will convene in St. Louis.

D. Series of writings

- 1) Intro and Baptism

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Building update: Casement windows are at the church. Will be installed in August. Gothic window template has been created. The installer will confirm the size.
- 2) Fiori Papa formatted the Pamphlets for Marriage, Baptism and Memorials distributed to council for suggestions.
- 3) Greg Costa golf outing – Discuss a dinner at the church instead. No golf- no interest from golfers.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School – Steve Coraluzzi
 - Getting ready for the 2018-2019 Sunday school year. All set with the Sunday school teachers.
- 2) Technology Update: Sergio Georgi
 - Church website is updated with current and future events.
 - All parish council meeting minutes and weekly messengers are published on the website.
 - All events are posted on the monitor located in the vestibule.
 - Two access points have been added for the Wi-Fi.
 - Guest Wi-Fi network is available.

Old Business:

- All American Council & Archdiocesan Assembly – July 23rd-27th in St. Louis.
- Divine Liturgy and church picnic at Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm.
- Greg Costa Golf Outing – discussion regarding this event will be revisited at next month's meeting.

New Business:

-Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday, August 13th at 7:00 pm.

William Bortner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary