

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – March 6, 2018**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:10 pm with prayer. Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Roll Call – Michele Lorimer. Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Janice Leyden, Sergio Georgi, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavachi, Fiori Papa. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Dorothy Tomassini, Linda Notskas, Linda Kosta, Linda Biando. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** William Bortner, Linda Biando. Also present at the meeting was Spartak Brahillari and Bob Flanagan.

**Secretary's Report:** The February 2018 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Correction to the minutes under New Business – change “funeral suggestions” to “soul/memorial Saturday”. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction as noted by Linda Notskas. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nilda Salavachi presented the February 2018 Treasurer's report. 1) 42 people bid on Icons for 2018. We received almost 50% of what was promised. 2) 2018 Pledges are at 41.5% (32 Pledges). We have received \$5,469.00 of the \$24,890.00 Pledged. 3) Gas bill this month was extremely high, \$1,939.31 due to a problem with the thermostat. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Brooks

- 1) Baptism – Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> for Olivia Gore, daughter of Nick & Athina.
- 2) Feast of the Annunciation – March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice-Chairperson Report:** Janice Leyden (nothing to report at this time)

**Chairperson Report:** Donna Dimitri

Donna offered her sincere thanks for the love and support during her time of bereavement.

- 1) Building Update: will begin window project in the next few months. Plan now is to do one arched window and replace all other windows – not the front window above the doors on 17<sup>th</sup> street. Will have more info at the next meeting. During the storm on Friday, the front window leaked, nothing new. Eventually we will have to replace that window.
- 2) OCA All American Council Meeting in St. Louis, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>. Priest and one delegate can vote. As many people as we want can attend – as observers.
- 3) Archdiocesan Teleconference – Thursday 2/15/18. Spoke about Archdiocesan Assembly in St. Louis on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Encouraged all to participate in the OCA All American Council Meeting. Archdiocese will provide \$1,000.00 stipend for airfare. Hotel and all other

expenses up to each parish. Probably will be discussed further during May 3<sup>rd</sup> teleconference.

- 4) Background checks for members of Parish Council and Sunday School teachers. Fiori will coordinate this project.

#### **Committee/Other Reports:**

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi
  - Ice Skating Outing, March 25<sup>th</sup> at U of P skating rink.
  - Lack of consistency in attendance through the winter this year.
  - Lazarus Saturday is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) Technology Update – Sergio Georgi
  - Website is current with all important information.
  - May have to do another clean-up of the emails to create more space on the website.
  - On Line calendar is complete and available for use.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) Women's Day Dance – Nilda Salavachi
  - Beautiful event had by all. Nilda thanked Donna Dimitri and her daughters, Traci and Kristin for preparing all the food for this event which was absolutely delicious. Many thanks to Sergio, Bill Bortner, and Linda Notskas for all their help and contributions.
  - We will discuss in the months to come, a date for next year's date for this event. (Not during the Lenten season).
- 2) Pascha Preparations
  - Palms (Steve)
  - Candles
  - Dye (120 packets)
  - Flowers (about 600 red & white carnations) from Produce Junction.
- 3) Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – March 18, 2018

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Plans for the future
  - Bob Flanagan brought up two important areas to be discussed, 1) the concerns on the need for religious education, 2) the lack of support for Father Brooks from the institutional church. Father agreed to discuss these issues after Great Lent.
- 2) Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Sergio Georgi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Fiori Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer  
Secretary

