

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - November 13, 2018
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:07 pm with prayer.

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

Secretary's Report: The October 2018 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Janice Leyden seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Great turnout for our parish Name's Day.
- 2) After the celebration, Fr. met with leaders of the Parish Ministry Team.
- 3) Committees are being reorganized.
- 4) Things are going generally well at St. John's.
- 5) Fr. has been visiting Evangeline Prifti and Rose Adams, and is scheduled to visit Charles Burdamy.
- 6) Fr. has been meeting with a college student, Alex Judd, weekly and is now meeting with a law student at the University of Penn. His name is Taylor.
- 7) More kids getting involved in serving at the altar.
- 8) The written Reflections for the website continue.
- 9) November 20th we will celebrate the Feast of The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple.
- 10) The week after Thanksgiving, Father and Bob Flanagan will be going to New Skete Monastery in upstate New York. It is, in part, a spiritual retreat, but they will also be working with the monks to shore up our new liturgy books.
- 11) Our Christmas service will take place as a vesper liturgy on Monday evening, December 24th at 5:00 pm.
- 12) Sent Bishop Nikon a list of the 2019 council, to ask for his blessing.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi

- 1) \$35,337.00 has been received in pledges, \$47,597.00 was pledged.
- 2) 42 people bid on icons in 2018. \$16,575.00 was promised, \$10,660.00 has been received.
- 3) Sergio Georgi and Stephanie Kosta each made a donation to St. John's which was matched by their companies.
- 4) Nilda and Spartak posted on Facebook that in lieu of birthday presents, donations could be made to our church.

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Christmas stationary has arrived. Volunteers to prepare mailing, approximately 250 letters.
- 2) 2019 Calendars ordered. Vrain pays for these.
- 3) Date o decorate church for Nativity.
- 4) We will elect officers next month for 2019.
- 5) Have an insurance claim filed for the Gothic window which was delivered to the church Thursday, Nov 8th and found on the ground Sunday, Nov 11th. The glass was shattered. Unknown what happened to cause the window to fall to the ground.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi
 - Halloween party Oct 28th, good turn out.
 - Sunday school attendance has increased.
 - Thanksgiving Presentation, Nov 18th.
 - Christmas Pageant, Dec 23rd.
- 2) Technology Update - Sergio Georgi
 - Website is up to date with news and information.
 - Viewing some new templates.
 - Comment subject is open on website.
 - Review of pamphlets, will print and distribute to council.
 - Latest Reflection is posted.
 - Weekly Messenger and Parish Monthly Notes are now both moved under Publication tab.

Old Business:

- 1) Parish Nameday Celebration was a wonderful turnout with several visitors. \$1,000.00 profit from baskets and 50/50.
- 2) Christmas Outing and Luncheon - Saturday, Dec 8th. Show at the Walnut Street Theatre 11:00 am, lunch following at 929 Walnut Street.
- 3) Parking available at the Basilica on Christmas Eve.

New Business:

- 1) Presentation of the 2019 Budget Dec 2nd.
- 2) Epiphany - Jan 6th.
- 3) Part 1 of the Annual Icon Auction - Jan 6th.
Part 2 of the Annual Icon Auction - Jan 13th.
- 4) Church sign outside is damaged. Linda Notskas, Sergio, Bill Bortner are looking into some new ideas to replace it.
- 5) International Women's Day Dance, March 9th.
- 6) Next Parish Council Meeting - Monday, Dec 10th at 7:00 pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Bill Bortner seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary