

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – September 4, 2018
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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

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

Secretary's Report: There was no August 2018 council meeting. The July 2018 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Janice Leyden made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi was not present therefore Donna Dimitri presented the Treasurer's reports for July and August 2018. 1) A correction was made to the number of pledges in July 2018, there were 70 pledges made, not 65. Also a correction to the number of pledges in August 2018, we had 79 pledges. 2) A deposit of \$3,000.00 was given towards the window project. 3) Investment account is doing very well. 4) Bills are all paid and up to date. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Janice Leyden seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Father Brooks thanked Nilda and Sergio for updating our church website and Facebook page with Father's series of "Reflections of an Orthodox Priest".
- 2) Father suggested that members of parish council be more present at services/events held at church to bring a little order into our services and to help Father out. Council members could take turns and arrive early for preparation.
- 3) Sept. 11th-15th Father will be traveling to Oklahoma to visit with his children.
- 4) Sept. 16th – Elevation of the Cross
- 5) Sept. 18th – Outreach Committee meeting 7:00 pm.
- 6) Nov. 11th – Parish Nameday Celebration
- 7) Nov. 15th – Nativity Fast begins

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Building update: Casement and picture windows have been installed and trimmed on the inside. They will return to cap the outside with aluminum. A template has been created for the Gothic windows. The installer will confirm the size, and the window will be ordered. It will be the window on the north side at the back of the church. Brian will remove the existing window and frame for the new window.
- 2) Paint color and paint the ladies' room. Possibly paint on church cleaning day.

- 3) OCA assembly in St. Louis – talked about what to do with the 4 plus million. Very few people in attendance. Teleconference on Sept. 20th. Will discuss how to invest money and elect officers.
- 4) Greg Costa golf outing – Discuss a dinner at the church instead. No golf – no interest from golfers. Dinner Committee, Michele L., Janice, Linda K., Donna D.
- 5) Parish Council for 2019 who is interested.
- 6) Propose we change the term on council to 2 years.
- 7) St. Nicholas 75th Anniversary commemorative journal ad – put a full page, \$300.00 ad

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School – Steve Coraluzzi
 - Sept. 9th Blessing of the Backpacks.
 - Sept. 16th First day of Sunday school.
 - Have a few volunteers who are interested in helping out with Sunday school this year.
- 2) Technology Update: Sergio Georgi
 - Church website is updated.
 - A second printer was installed.
 - A new page on our website "media" was added. It consists of photos, videos, and podcasts from our church events.

Old Business:

- Divine Liturgy and church picnic at Neshaminy State Park was August 26th. Lighter turn then last year. Council discussed planning this event in September for next year. Also add some organized sports/games for the children. All and all it was a successful day.
- Church Clean-up September 15th at 10:00 am.

New Business:

- Coffee hour responsibilities – sponsors of coffee hour should stay and clean up afterwards.
- Halloween Party, Sunday, October 28th during coffee hour.
- Semi-annual Parish meeting, October 14th following the Divine Liturgy.
- Parish Nameday Celebration, November 11th.
- Next Parish Council meeting, Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary