

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - August 6, 2019**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

Chairperson, Donna Dimitri, opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 pm with prayer.

**Roll Call:** Fiori Papa. **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Fiori Papa, Michele Lorimer, Janice Leyden. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Dorothy Tomassini, Linda Notskas, Linda Biando (via conference call). **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Absent:** Nilda Salavachi, Bill Bortner.

**Secretary's Report:** Laura Hall prepared the minutes from July's council meeting. Fiori Papa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donna Dimitri - written report attached

- 1) Pledges - money received YTD is \$27,839.00. Total number of pledges - 63.
- 2) Icons - payments received YTD \$8,890.45.
- 3) Investment account is holding steady.
- 4) An appointment will be scheduled with the accountant for Sept/Oct to come in for discussion with council.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Fiori Papa seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Chairperson Report:**

- 1) Annunciations Church Natick is celebrating their 100th Anniversary in October. We sent \$300.00 for the following ad: **Per Shum Vjet! Gezuar!! Yo Natick, we want to wish youse a happy centennial celebration. Maybe get some cheesesteaks, water ice, or pretzels for the festivities? Hoagies from Wawa wouldn't be too shabby either. May God grant youse many years!! Sincerely, Your peeps from the city of brotherly love.** Their acknowledgement: Thank you for your support of our 100th anniversary! Love your message...it made me hungry :) Betsy
- 2) Window update: Template arrived and checked. Sent back for modifications. Hoping for a late September install.
- 3) Sign update: Collected \$3,160.00 for the sign. The sign guy had by-pass surgery and is out for awhile. Unknown when sign will be installed.
- 4) Ladies Room: Handicap stall installation parts ordered. Hoping to have it installed in the next few weeks.
- 5) Sunday School: Plumber to be here at the end of the week to submit an estimate. Other plumber and health problems. Also going to take up some of the floor on the right side of the basement to determine the extent of the damage. Spoke with Steve most likely the Sunday school classes will have to be moved from the Sunday school proper to the little kid room and possibly the church hall.

- 6) Father Brooks officiated the July 13th Crowning Service for Lino and Angela Pano. He also officiated the wedding Wes Hanson and Amy Lewis on July 27th. No other communication from Father Brooks.
- 7) Father Dennis Rhodes baptized Nicholas Gremi and Christian Kittel on July 28th. The Lakuriqi family was thrilled. Father Dennis went to lunch with them. He is planning to visit Evisa and Greg Boyle and their new baby daughter Olive in Marlton, NJ. Will also church Evisa on August 28th. Father Dennis is set to officiate the wedding of Edlira Tegu and Kevin Delussey on Friday, August 30th.
- 8) Hosted a non-parishioner wedding on August 3rd received a \$1,500.00 donation for use of the church and \$300.00 for the hall rental on August 2nd. The choir received \$300.00 which Vlad will use to buy supplies for the choir.
- 9) Archdiocesan Assembly Natick, MA. Fiori Papa, Nilda Salavachi, Linda Notskas, Donna Dimitri will attend. Reserved rooms at the Crowne Hotel Natick Sept 19-21.

**Vice Chairperson Report:** Fiori Papa

- 1) Donation box placed in front of church, icon placed near box. Thank you to Donna Dimitri's future son-in-law for making the sandbox.

**Committee/Other Reports:**

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi  
-Sept. 22nd first day of Sunday school.
- 2) Picnic Committee - Elena Shomos  
-Sept. 15th Liturgy and Picnic, Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Credit/Debit card machine - Sergio Georgi  
-The machine is set up and authorized to operate. Machine is linked with the church checking account. A catalog was created for the following categories: candles (thin & thick), donations, pledges, services, coffee hour sponsorships. Thank you to Sergio for donating the machine and for setting it up.
- 2) Will approach Father Brooks in September to see what he wants to do, what his thoughts are regarding coming back or not to St. John's.

**New Business:**

- 1) Church Clean-up Day, October 5th at 9:00am.
- 2) Coffee Hour is booked to the end of this year. In the past we have had some issues of trying to fill coffee hour last minute, especially in spring & summer. Steve Coraluzzi suggested that with our new credit card machine, maybe we can come up with a coffee hour package for parishioners who would like to sponsor a coffee hour but do not have the physical ability to do so. Will review this topic next month.
- 3) Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer  
Secretary