

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - February 5, 2019
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Donna Dimitri opened the monthly meeting at 7:20 pm with prayer and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Fiori Papa. **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Nilda Salavachi, Michele Lorimer, Fiori Papa, William Bortner, Janice Leyden, Sergio Georgi. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas. **Absent:** Father Brooks Ledford, Steve Coraluzzi. Also present during this evening's meeting was Elena Shomos.

Secretary's Report: The January 2019 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Fiori Papa seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks not present, therefore no report was given.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi

- 1) Pledges for 2019 - Budget is \$60,000.00. \$20,674.00 pledged, \$4,722.00 has been received.
- 2) Icons 2019 - \$12,445.00 was promised, \$1,485.00 has been received.
- 3) St. John's received a donation from Bishop Nikon in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- 4) Christmas donations for 2018 totaled \$6,867.00
- 5) \$817.25 was donated to St. John's from the Christmas Outing.

Janice Leyden made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bill Bortner seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) We received a check from Utica Insurance Company for \$8942.46 for the damaged Gothic window. The new window was installed on the south (17th street end) side of the church. The interior of the window has been trimmed out. The total cost:
 - a. Removal of old window and boarding up of the opening \$820.00
 - b. Window from Home Depot \$5,382.19
 - c. Installation interior trim and plaster \$630.92
 - d. Installation of new window \$1,885.00
 - e. Poplar veneer \$60.62

Total cost of this first window \$8,778.71. Will contact Home Depot to obtain a quote for the remainder of the windows. Hopefully it will be less per window since we will be purchasing a larger quantity. Will report back next month.

- 2) Request for hall rentals:
 - a. Elira Gorre - Saturday, March 23rd baby shower
 - b. Donna Dimitri - Saturday, March 30th baby shower
 - c. George Kosova - Saturday, April 6th Baptism

- 3) IRS 1099 MISC forms mailed to Father Brooks, Bill Bortner and Brian Gallagher (person who installed casement windows. We are required to send a 1099 MISC to anyone who is paid more than \$600.00 by the church in a calendar year. The 1099 MISC form was also submitted to the IRS.
- 4) Michele Lorimer came to church on Jan 13th to help out with the setup prior to the Divine Liturgy. Please check your calendars and let me know what Sunday you are available.
- 5) The Sexual Misconduct Policy sign off sheet is being passed around. Please sign if you have not already done so. This form is sent to the Archdiocese.
- 6) Liturgy in the park. We discussed having it on Sept. 8th, the Elevation of the Cross. If this is the date we want, I will make the reservation. Form a committee to coordinate activities for kids (and adults) at the picnic.
- 7) Soup-er Bowl Sunday. Many thanks to Linda Biando for spearheading this fundraiser. \$489.00 was raised. If all are in agreement, we will send a check for \$250.00 to Sunday Breakfast Mission and \$250.00 to Chosen 300 Group.
- 8) There is an Archdiocesan Teleconference this Thursday, Feb 7th at 7:00 pm. If you would like to listen in please let me know and I will give you the phone number and access code.
- 9) I will be in Syosset NY for the Metropolitan Council meeting Feb 15.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi not present
-Will discuss ice skating event at next meeting
- 2) Technology Update - Sergio Georgi
-all parish council pictures and emails are removed from administration page. (This is to avoid attacks from hackers).
-Homepage is updated with Soup-er Bowl Sunday & Women's dance events. Some older events are removed.
-Weekly messenger is posted and updated.
-All email groups are reviewed and corrected. Donna has the updated list.
-Teamup calendar is now updated.
- 3) Sign Committee - Linda Notskas
-Information regarding church sign is still being gathered, will be discussed at next meeting.

Pascha Preparations

- 1) Order candles and holders - Steve Ghicondes
- 2) Flowers - Fiori
- 3) Sunday of Orthodoxy - March 17th

4) Lazarus Saturday - April 20th

Old Business:

- 1) Women's Day Dance - Nilda Salavachi
-March 2nd, 6:30-0:30 BYOB. Tickets are \$55.00 for adults and \$25.00
for children under 12.

New Business:

- 1) Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary