

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - January 8, 2019
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:15 pm with prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call: Fiori Papa. **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Michele Lorimer, Fiori Papa. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Janice Leyden. **Clergy:** Father Brooks Ledford. **Absent:** Steve Coraluzzi (**Sunday School Director**), William Bortner, Nilda Salavachi (on her way to meeting, unfortunately had a flat tire). Also present during this evening's meeting was Michael Leyden.

Secretary's Report: The December 2018 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Two corrections made to the minutes: 1) under Pastor's Report line #4, Typica service is January 20th not January 27th. Father Gregory Dudash will fill in as a substitute priest on January 27th. 2) under Holy Week, the Bridegroom Matins will be held at 7:00 pm. Fiori Papa made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendments. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks Ledford

- 1) Father sent an email at Christmas time to council members expressing how happy he is with council and our parish.
- 2) Janice Leyden mentioned having Father wear a microphone for those who are in the vestibule and unable to hear the Gospel and Sermon. Sergio offered to look into a wireless device for Father to wear.

Treasurer's Report: (Nilda not present, Donna Dimitri gave report)

- 1) We received \$16,360.00 from the 2018 Icon Auction, \$16,475.00 was promised.
- 2) We received \$50,251.00 from the 2018 Pledges, \$51,472.00 was pledged.
- 3) Investment account is down, the market is down.
- 4) Christmas donations through 12/31/2018 is \$4,335.00.
- 5) Discussion to simplify the treasurer's report for people to understand better.

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

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Waiting on insurance company to send a check for the Gothic window. Window to be installed when it arrives.
- 2) Asked council members to come to church by 9:00 am on Sunday morning so they can see what is done in preparation for the Divine Liturgy. This will be on a rotating basis. Michele Lorimer will come Sunday, January 13, 2019.
- 3) Passed out sheet for OCA sexual misconduct policy. Signed by those in attendance.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School- Steve Coraluzzi (not present to give report)
- 2) Sign Committee- Linda Notskas
 - looking into a permanent marker
- 3) Technology Update- Sergio Georgi
 - Icon Auction pictures for Part 1 are now posted on website.
 - All pictures from 2018 are now archived and a new page under Media has started for 2019.
 - Home page is updated with Icon Auction information.
 - On line Pledge Card is now updated for 2019.

Old Business:

- 1) Christmas Review - good turnout
- 2) Icon Auction Part 1 - January 6th
 - seemed as though there was little excitement with the bidding. Discussion of eliminating some icons that may be less popular than others, this may keep people more interested and move the auction along in regards to time.

New Business:

- 1) Possible church event in February
 - Sergio mentioned holding an event in the church hall (Valentine's Day Dance), although this may be too short of a notice to hold such an event, discussion regarding putting together an event in May would work out better.
- 2) Semi-Annual Parish Council Meeting - March 24th, 2019.
- 3) Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Janice Leyden seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary