

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – July 8, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council**

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the meeting at 7:20 P.M. We said the “Lord's Prayer.”

**Roll Call:** Steve Ghicondes

**Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Peter Ghicondey, Michele Anderson, Linda Kosta, John Rubis, Yani Mara and Steve Ghicondes. **Absent:** Michele Anderson

**Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Linda Biando, Dorothy Tomassini, and Janice Leyden and **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi

**Secretary's Report:** The Minutes of the past meetings (May 8, 2013) and (June 3, 2013 – written by Dorothy) were presented by Linda Kosta. There were a few minor corrections. A Motion to accept the 5/8 minutes with the minor corrections was made by John Rubis, seconded by Steve G. All were in favor. The 6/3 minutes when amended were accepted upon a motion from Pete G, seconded by Steve G. Both sets of minutes will be amended and sent to Donna to be posted on our website within a few days.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele Anderson was absent. No Treasurer's Report was presented.

**Chairman:** Donna Dimitri

- ⤴ The Golf Outing date has been changed to September 22, 2013 due to the Eagles home opener.
- ⤴ At our August meeting, a representative from Guide One Insurance will come to update us on our coverage. The cost is now \$12,000 per year.
- ⤴ Covenant House – Fr. Stephen picked up everything that has been donated so far. The box for more donations will remain open for the summer. Linda N. has been given some cash instead of a material donation. It was suggested that she give it directly to Fr. Stephen as he would know what is needed most.
- ⤴ No weddings or Baptisms are scheduled in the near future.

**Father Brooks Ledford Update:**

Before the phone call:

- ⤴ Father has found a place to live but may look for something closer to Church.
- ⤴ Steve G. asked if he would be having a Vesper service on Saturday evenings.
- ⤴ Salary: \$58,000 plus Social Security contributions of \$3,480. He will pay the other 6%.
- ⤴ Two weeks paid vacation the first year, five in year two as directed by the Archdiocese Policy based on time served as a priest.
- ⤴ A moving allowance of \$5000 will be paid to him when his wife and family move here next year.

- ⤴ There were questions on how to pay him - W2 or 1099. Steve C. suggested using a payroll service but for one salary that is cost prohibitive. We will ask him what he prefers.
- ⤴ Father Brooks submitted the Housing Allowance tax form but it was for a year. However, he can only submit four months because the system works on a calendar year.

Via Phone conference call with Father Brooks:

- ⤴ He will get a new housing allowance sheet. It will be from August through December 2013.
- ⤴ He would prefer a #1099 for taxes rather than a W-2
- ⤴ Vespers – he will make a decision after he comes.
- ⤴ Adult education classes – the council would like him to start in October.
- ⤴ Sunday School – He asked Steve C. to call him on this matter so they could discuss it in depth.
- ⤴ He requested an updated list for visitations.
- ⤴ Father will in Philadelphia by August 3 or 4<sup>th</sup>. He will substitute on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Maintenance – John Rubis**

- \* The Sunday School mustiness is improving but the floor is sinking again. It is on the To Do List.
- \* The outside wrought iron fence needs painting. Pete G. suggested that we get a list of things to do before Bishop Nikon comes to visit in November.
- \* Lighting on the altar needs improvement. John R. and Pete G. will research solutions.

**Sunday School: Steve Coraluzzi.**

- ⤴ Graduation went very well.
- ⤴ Sunday School will reopen on September 15. Steve C. will conduct registration upstairs during coffee hour.
- ⤴ Fr. Brooks and Steve will meet with the teachers before then

**Stewardship:** Linda Biando. Pledges have been very slow, but it is summer. Follow up letters and statements have been sent.

**Old Business:**

- \***Substitute Priests** : Steve G. has us pretty well covered until Fr. Brooks comes.
- \* Nick Naum Scholarship Committee has not yet met, but will soon.
- \* Church Sign – Steve G. has not heard back from Spikes. He will contact Archer Signs. Janice will also contact Woods for some stone/cement ideas.
- \* Name Day: November 9 and 10, 2013: A reservation has been made for Bishop Nikon at the hotel next door. We will serve light refreshments after Vespers on Saturday night and a Luncheon Sunday after Liturgy.

\* Linda K. reminded the council that on the Sunday of the Cross we are supposed to have Memorial Prayers for the Sico Family. Donna reminded us we will need basil and flowers.

### **New Business:**

- ⤴ **Thank you Luncheon: August 25, 2013.**
  - All the priests who have helped us out this year by serving will be invited including Fr. Gregory Rubis and Richard O'Leary.
  - Each priest who comes will receive a \$100 Honorarium.
  - Lunch will be an ethnic pot luck. The committee will provide salad and beverages. Janice and others will collect a list of volunteers and what they can make. Jani felt that we must have some meat dishes as that is how Albanians entertain.
- ⤴ Fall Clean Up is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. There is a lot of work to do and we will need others besides the council.
- ⤴ Church Decorum - Janice brought up the fact that most of us do not know when to stand or sit during Liturgies. Donna mentioned that she still has a list of "Church Manors" that Father Gregory O' Leary had produced when he was here. She will add some to the Bulletin each Sunday. Linda K. had a piece the Tom Zoidis had given her about the Liturgy and Communion that will be reprinted and distributed with the Bulletin in the near future. Janis also had a copy of a prayer book which could be reprinted and distributed.

### **Important Dates:**

- ⤴ **Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2013 – 7 P.M.**
- ⤴ **The Transfiguration of Christ– August 6, 2013**
- ⤴ **August 15, 2013 – Dormition of the Theotokos**
- ⤴ **Thank You Luncheon: Sunday, August 25, 2013**
- ⤴ **September 15 – Elevation of the Cross – Memorial Prayers for our benefactors, the Sico family.**
- ⤴ **Fall Clean Up Day – October 5, 2013.**
- ⤴ **Name Day and Bishop Nikon's Visit: November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Kosta, seconded by Steve Ghicondes. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kosta, Secretary