

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - April 4, 2017
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.

Roll Call: Janice Leyden. **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Janice Leyden, Michele Lorimer, Jani Mara, Sergio Georgi, William Bortner. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Dorothy Tomassini. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** Nilda Salavachi, Linda Biando, Steve Coraluzzi.

Secretary's Report: The March 2017 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Thank you to Linda Biando for taking the March 2017 minutes. Correction noted under the Pastor Report regarding the Stewardship meeting - they met on March 30th, not in February. Janice Leyden made a motion to accept the March 2017 minutes with the amendments. Jani Mara seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda was not present, Donna Dimitri presented the March 2017 Treasurer's Report.

- investment account doing very well at \$271,443.58
- income exceeds our expenses for this month
- our expenses will increase once building upgrades begin
- to date we have 53 pledges with \$34,180.00 pledged. Our goal is \$60,000.00

Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Bill Bortner. All were in favor.

Vice-Chairperson Report: Janice Leyden

- a member of the church choir presented to Janice the thought of having books with hymns available to our parishioners for congregational singing. Will followup with the choir director Vlad Melnik.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- Stewardship Committee is a very important committee to our church. They are focusing on the "treasure" part of "time, talent, treasure", as well as what they can do to educate the people/community.

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- Building Update

Nothing new to report. Will have info on the south side roof/gutter project. Hall windows Next Month.

- Website

Sergio has been doing a great deal of work re-organizing the website. Created a new form for online pledges.

- Parish Directory

Not distributed yet. Will take photos on Palm Sunday. Will be emailed, some copies available for those without email.

- Went through old PGW bills and found we were in May 2015 overcharged \$692.06. Will receive a refund.

- Semi-annual parish meeting March 19, 2017. Nice size, attentive crowd. Meeting lasted 35 minutes.

- Forgot to nominate delegated for the Archdiocesan Assembly, September 21-23, 2017 here at St. John's. We are entitled to 3 voting delegates-which includes the council chair; we will encourage all to attend the meeting Friday, the dinner Friday evening and the Thanksgiving service on Saturday morning.
- Microphone being worn by Father Brooks - very well received!

Committee/Other Reports:

- Sunday School (Steve not present)
Saturday April 8th Lazarus Saturday Retreat. We will have crafts, religious education and of course Meshe making.

Old Business:

- Liturgy/Picnic late May, early June.
- Icon Update
Bill Bortner will be ordering an icon of Christ to replace the icon of Mary and Baby Jesus in the altar. Janice and Mike Leyden are donating the new icon in memory of Janice's parents.
All new icons for the various other feast days are being ordered.
- Pascha Preparations
Palms arrived
Flowers are ordered
Red dye is at candle stand
Candles have arrived

New Business:

- \$300.00 donation to the Basilica for using their lot.
- Honorarium to Richard \$300.00
- Memorial Day May 29th, Fr. Brooks will visit Fernwood Cemetery at 10:00 am and Lawnview Cemetery around noon.
- May 7th, bring a friend to church day.
- Next Council Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted, Michele Lorimer