

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - January 17, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:05 pm with prayer and thanked everyone for attending.

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

Secretary's Report: The December 2016 minutes was presented by Michele Lorimer. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bill Bortner seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi presented the December 2016 Treasurer's Report. 1) Unfortunately our goal for pledges (\$60,000.00) was not achieved. We received 113 pledges totaling \$55,816.00. Last year we received 116 pledges totaling \$69,560.00. Last year we received pledges from two parishioners who were donors totaling \$17,500.00. They did not pledge this year, thus the large difference. 2) Although the income and expense statement show a \$33,000.00 deficit, \$18,880.00 was for the south side roof repair. Money was transferred from the investment account to cover this expense. The church floor project totaled just under \$20,000.00. We had received \$25,000.00 from St. John the Baptist in 2015 which covered this expense. 3) Under the expense line items that were over budget were substitute priest, candles and liturgical supplies (which was paid for with the donation made by Stephanie and Victor Sarkissian), building maintenance and miscellaneous expenses. 4) Investment account \$258,204.42. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Father regrouped and enjoyed his time off.
- 2) 4 Baptisms - Kashari children
- 3) Weddings - Anesa and Greg, Drew and Florina
- 4) Janice Leyden will lead the Outreach Committee.
- 5) Stephanie Kosta will lead the Stewardship Committee.
- 6) Sign up sheet for Home Blessings is posted.

Vice - Chairperson's Report - Donna Dimitri (not present)

Building Update:

- 1) No start date for the south side upper roof/gutter project.

- 2) Problems with the boiler. Jim Stritch - the person who installed the boiler in Feb 2010 - came out and a new igniter was installed. We will schedule a boiler and a/c maintenance in April.
- 3) Tommy Highland installed sliding panels under the kitchen sink, he will return to complete the trim work.
- 4) Still having problems with the urinal in the bathroom. We will need to contact George - the plumber.

Cards to shut-ins from parishioners: Paulette Steffa thanked us on behalf of her mother Andi Steffa for the cards. Harry Halkedis said his wife, Katherine enjoyed receiving cards. Sending cards to those unable to attend church is a worthwhile program and should continue. Thank you to Linda Notskas for writing and sending the cards.

OCA Sexual Misconduct Policy: Were emailed to everyone. Please sign the attached form which will be sent to Archbishop Nikon.

Archdiocesan Assembly: Hosted at St. John Chrysostom, date changed to Sept 21-23, 2017. Greater availability of hotel rooms at a lower price. We will reserve a block of rooms in the next few months. There is usually a clergy dinner on Thursday night (clergy and their spouses).

An Archdiocesan teleconference scheduled for February 9th. Anyone interested in listening in let me know and you will be sent the access code.

Parish Directory: emailed to Council and Aux Council. Please look through it to spelling errors, or other incorrect info. We still need photos of many parishioners.

Sunday School Report: Steve Coraluzzi

- 1) Christmas Pageant Dec 18th. Sandi Fiss did an excellent job directing.
- 2) 90 breakfast sandwiches were sold by Sunday School during coffe hour with a \$192.00 profit.
- 3) January 29th Sunday School Ice Skating Outing.
- 4) Candy sale made a \$380.00 profit.
- 5) Sunday School Talent Show sometime in March.

Old Business:

- 1) Icon Auction - discussed possibly starting a silent auction weeks prior to the Auction.

New Business:

- 1) Sergio Georgi explained Confluence, a web server that allows each one of the board members to upload events, pictures, documents, schedules, etc.

- 2) Women's Day Dance March 4th 6 - 11pm. Tickets are \$50 per adult and \$20 for children under 12 years old. Sergio will provide the music.
- 3) Next Council Meeting Tuesday, February 7th.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary