

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - March 7, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 pm with prayer. Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for attending.

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

Secretary's Report: The February 2017 minutes was presented by Donna Dimitri. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the February 2017 minutes with the amendments. Janice Leyden seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi presented the February 2017 Treasurer's Report. Nilda Salavachi made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Janice Leyden. All were in favor.

Pastor Report: Father Brooks

Outreach - parish pamphlet will soon be available both in English and Albanian. Marinella will translate it to Albanian.

Charity & Benevolence - meeting February 22nd

YAL - Met on February 25th and begin Schmemmann's book on Great Lent.

Stewardship - Stephanie Kosta will lead the committee. They met in late February February.

Youth Group - February 18th pizza & movie.

Pre-marriage class - Wednesday, February 8th.

Great Lent begins Sunday night February 26th. Pre-sanctified liturgy Wednesday in March and April at 7:00 pm.

Home Blessings/visitations are continuing.

Sign-up sheet for reading in the church beginning Holy Friday night. High school kids will take the night shift readings.

Church will be open during Great Lent 12-1:00 pm Tuesday-Friday.

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

Building Update: Nothing new to report

Website Sergio updated site. Section "About Orthodoxy" very comprehensive. Sergio also put photos from women's day celebration on site.

An Archdiocesan teleconference scheduled for this Thursday, February 9th canceled due to weather. Decided not to reschedule. Next teleconference Thursday, May 18th.

Assembly Sept 21-24

Parish Directory Publish at the end of March. Will be emailed, some copies available for those without email

\$450.00 sent to project home – proceeds from Soup-er Bowl Sunday.

Sunday School Report- Steve Coraluzzi

Old Business:

Women's Day Dance March 4th, 6-11 pm. Nilda Salavachi

Pascha Preparations- Red dye for eggs, discussion about candles and palms- Steve will order. We have enough books to pass out during Holy Week for everyone to follow along with services. We will discuss flowers for the Epitaphios next meeting along with pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.

- Sunday of Orthodoxy March 5th
- Veneration of the Cross March 19th
- Palm Sunday April 9th
- Pascha April 16th, 1:00 pm Agape Vespers
- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Wed. March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5th @7:00 pm.
- Holy Week 7:00 pm

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Jani Mara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Janice Leyden seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Biando