

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - October 5, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 6:50 pm with prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Sergio Georgi nominated Janice Leyden as acting Chairperson. Janice accepted the nomination. Michele Lorimer seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Roll Call: Janice Leyden. **Council Members Present:** Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavachi, Janice Leyden, Sergio Georgi, William Bortner. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Biando, Linda Notskas, Linda Kosta. Diane Coraluzzi was also present at the meeting. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** Donna Dimitri, Dorothy Tomassini.

Secretary's Report: The September 2017 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A letter from Father Arthur regarding the Archdiocesan Assembly was read by Michele as well. 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 September 2017 Treasurer report.
1) \$72,000.00 was transferred from the investment account to the checking account to pay for the gutter and the roof project. 2) We spent \$3,046.65 for the assembly and received \$3,250.00 in registration fees. Father Dennis will send his \$125.00 registration fee, so the total we will collect is \$3,375.00. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Sergio Georgi seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Father thanked everyone who worked behind the scene for the assembly, he was extremely pleased.
- 2) Father attended the American Bible Study.
- 3) Chrismation of Laura Hall - November 26th.
- 4) The young adults are getting involved in the parish, things are going very well.
- 5) Children's sermon during Liturgy is going well.
- 6) Christmas Liturgy - December 24th at 4:00 pm.

Chairperson Report: Janice Leyden

- 1) Building Update: The \$75,000.00 project to complete the gutter/roof repair of the north side of the church, upper and lower sections as well as the back of the church and the north side front was approved by the parishioners September 17th, 2017 at a special meeting during coffee hour. The money will be transferred from our investment account to our savings account. The project will begin on or about October 10th. Brian Gallagher, Mulroybay construction will perform the work. He did the south side of the church. A diagram of the work is attached. The project will take 6-8 weeks to complete. Tim Pappas is overseeing this project at no cost to our parish.

We have put the replacement of the gothic windows in the church hall and all other windows on hold until 2018.

- 2) 2018 Parish Council - All member of the current parish council with the exception of Jani Mara have volunteered to serve in the coming year. In addition to the current council members Fiori Papa volunteered to serve in 2018. No one else has contacted Father Brooks or me to serve so the slated presented at the semi-annual parish meeting on October 22, 2017 will consist of Bill Bortner, Sergio Georgi, Janice Leyden, Michele Lorimer, Fiori Papa, Nilda Salavachi and me. There can be nominations from the floor. If no nominations are made from the floor the slate will be elected with one ceremonial vote being cast. A proposed agenda is attached.
- 3) Background Checks - Steve Coraluzzi will coordinate the background checks for the Sunday school teachers and the parish council members who live in PA. If you have had a background check via your employer please obtain a copy and forward it to Steve. It is not necessary to obtain another background check as a volunteer if you have had one via your employer. Janice Leyden, Father Brooks, Reader Chris have completed the background check with PA. I will co-ordinate the background checks for those who live in NJ - Michele Lorimer, Bill Bortner and me. The process is different for NJ residents. The goal is to have the background checks completed by December 1, 2017.
After the new parish council is installed we and the Sunday school teachers will sign off on the PSP (Policies, Standards and Procedures of the Orthodox Church in America on Sexual Misconduct). We do this every year. The appropriate paperwork will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese.
- 4) New Committees - Volunteers to review and redo the Nameday list.
Volunteers to prepare pamphlets for Weddings, Baptisms and Nameday. I sent out pamphlets that are used by St. Nicholas in NY for modifications as they are very comprehensive.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi
Everything is going very well. Zach will be teaching the middle school aged children. Linda Notskas will occasionally give the children lessons on church mannerism.

Old Business:

- 1) Archdiocesan Assembly went very well. Father Arthur sent a letter to St. John's expressing his gratitude for the splendid reception given at the Annual Assembly in Philadelphia.
- 2) Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic is cancelled this year due to the lack of golfers.
- 3) Semi-annual Parish Meeting - October 22, 2017.
- 4) Ladies Christmas Outing - Saturday, December 9th. Early dinner 3:00 pm at Bellini Grill and then 7:00 pm show, the Nutcracker at the Academy of Music. Tickets for the show are \$40, dinner cost is \$35 per person. Contact Nilda if

interested.

New Business:

- 1) Parish Nameday Luncheon - Sunday, November 12th.
- 2) Next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 pm.

Bill Bortner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Sergio Georgi seconded The motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary