

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - September 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, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavachi, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, William Bortner. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Linda Kosta. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** Jani Mara, Linda Biando, Dorothy Tomassini, Steve Coraluzzi.

Secretary's Report: The August 2017 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Janice Leyden 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 June and July 2017 Treasurer's Report. 1) \$50,315.00 has been pledged for 2017. We have received \$24,732.00 to date. 1) 45 people have bid on icons, we are promised \$15,800.00 and have received \$11,090.00. Bill Bortner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Michele Lorimer seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Father Brooks thanked Donna Dimitri for the excellent job she did on the Parish Directory.
- 2) Father Brooks expressed his gratitude to Nilda Salavachi, Bill Bortner and Sergio Georgi for putting together the outdoor Liturgy and church picnic in August.
- 3) Charity & Benevolence - Fr. Brooks and Sandi Fiss will visit a few homeless shelters on September 14th. The committee will be collecting donations for the people of Texas that were affected by hurricane Harvey.
- 4) Blessing of the Backpacks - September 10th.
- 5) Stewardship Committee - meeting September 12th.
- 6) Sunday School - teacher's workshop September 16th, 9:00-11:00am.
- 7) Elevation of the Cross and 1st day of Sunday School, September 17th.
- 8) Outreach Committee - meeting September 26th.

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Building Update: Received an estimate for north side upper/lower roofs, rear of church and front stairwell (north side of building). Estimate \$84,000.00. In the process of negotiating with Brian (contractor).
- 2) Wi-Fi thermostat installed in the church hall. Works perfectly. Wi-Fi thermostats control church hall a/c, right side a/c in church and heater (which heats the church and hall).
- 3) Parish Directory: Emailed to parishioners. I have received a few corrections. Will resend and print a few for parishioners who do not have email.

- 4) Archdiocesan Assembly - Committee met Aug 28th. Continental breakfast for Friday morning. Linda Kosta will take care of lunch for Friday afternoon. We selected a menu. Steve Coraluzzi will pick up the dinner food from Limoncello in West Chester and bring it to the church. We will have a reception on Friday @6:00 pm. Appetizers and open bar. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Sergio Georgi will provide dinner music. Mike Leyden will help.
- 5) 40 Memorial for Tom Z. - Will be on Sept. 10th. The Zoidis family will sponsor coffee hour. Only 2 coffee hour dates remain open - December 17th & 31st.
- 6) New Committees: Volunteers to review and redo the Nameday list. Volunteers to prepare pamphlets for Weddings, Baptisms and Nameday. I sent our pamphlets that are used by St. Nicholas of NY.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - September 17th, 1st day.
- 2) Gregory E. Costa Gold Classic - Sunday, October 1st at Paxon Hollow Country Club. An email will be sent out to see how many golfers are interested.

Old Business:

- 1) Liturgy in the Park - about 65 people attended. It was a nice afternoon and convenient for everyone to get to. Nilda Salavachi will look into reserving the larger pavilion for next year.
- 2) Church Cleanup - Saturday, September 9th. Linda Kosta will be in charge of the plans for cleaning up the church. Linda went over what needed to be done and what supplies we have.
- 3) Christmas Outing (Nilda) - Saturday, December 2nd. Lunch at noon and show at 2:30 pm. at the Walnut Street Theatre.

New Business:

- 1) IOCC - Linda Notskas will be attending the 25th Anniversary Celebration & Benefit Banquet at Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford, NJ from 3:30 - 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$60.00 per person, see Linda if interested in attending.
- 2) Email Lists & Website - Sergio gave an update on the church website and discussed the space that is being used on the site and how to create more available space on the website.
- 3) Parish Name Day Celebration - Sunday, November 12th.
- 4) Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer, Secretary