

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - August 4, 2015
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the monthly meeting at 7:20 P.M. Fr. Brooks Ledford led the meeting in prayer. Donna thanked everyone for attending.

Roll Call - Council Members Present: Donna Dimitri, Peter Ghicondey, Michele Anderson, Michele Lorimer, Elvira Gusho. Auxiliary Members Present: Dorothy Tomassini, Linda Notskas. Sunday School Director: Steve Coraluzzi. Clergy: Father Brooks. Absent: Nilda Salavachi, Linda Kosta, Linda Biando, Bill Bortner.

Secretary's Report: The July 2015 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A correction was made under the Pastor Report #11: added was Gabriella with Vitale Dedkov as a new parishioner to our church family. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Michele Anderson and seconded by Peter Ghicondey. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Michele Anderson. Michele reported that 1) \$35,000.00 was transferred from the Investment Account to the Checking Account. 2) pledges are still coming in slowly. 3) \$200.00 is paid out every other week for the church to be cleaned. 4) renovation expenses to date approximately \$13,000.00. 5) there was discussion on the Treasurer's Statement set-up. Everything is accounted for. Money comes from different sectors. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Michele Lorimer and seconded by Peter Ghicondey. All were in favor.

Pastor Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Fr. Brooks gave an update on the Parish Ministry Teams:
 - a) YAL Group - July 11th Fr. Brooks had a cookout at his place. Thirteen young adults and one dog attended. A good time was had by all. Next gathering is scheduled for August 28th.
 - b) Stewardship Committee - met on July 15th. They discussed putting together the parish pamphlet. Also talked about having the church greeters in place by September. Fr. will pick the first round of greeters. Next meeting will be in September.
 - c) Outreach Committee - met on July 22nd. Only two members showed up plus Fr.
 - d) Charity and Benevolence - first meeting is scheduled for August 19th. Funding will be discussed as well as suggestions of where our aid will go.
 - e) Sunday School - a Teacher's Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
- 2) The September/October Newsletter is coming up. Elvira Gusho has volunteered to

submit an article from Parish Council.

- 3) Home Visits continue- recently visited with Paul Spiro, Bessie Satir, Tatjana Plesati, Jim and Roxanne Ghicondey. Fr. rescheduled the Qendros family who were down the shore.
- 4) Feast Days - two in August: 1) Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated Wednesday evening, August 5th; 2) Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, celebrated Saturday morning, August 15th.
- 5) Funeral for Violet (Vissar) Bivens is Friday, August 7th, at Givnish Funeral Home.
- 6) Roman Catholic Presentation is on Friday, September 25th between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM. We need two people to open and close the church between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM.
- 7) We had a visitor who was encouraged to come to our church after they read a kind post about us on Bishop Seraphim's Facebook page.

Vice Chairman's Report: Peter Ghicondey

- 1) Peter reported on Fantasy Football. Thirteen teams are confirmed. Looking at late August for a draft date.
- 2) A visitor to our church website sent an email regarding an error in which we posted an incorrect date for the Vespers Liturgy of the Transfiguration. Please note correction was made from Tuesday, August 5th to Wednesday, August 5th.

Chairman's Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) We received correspondence of the new law regarding the fingerprinting and criminal history background of volunteers.
- 2) Spoke with Comcast about receiving business access from them. Comcast would be cheaper and faster than Verizon.

Sunday School: Steve Coraluzzi

(No report this month)

Building Maintenance

- 1) Waiting on a proposal for fixing the iron fence that goes around the church and the walkway. Also, that proposal will include the fixing of the iron bars on the conference room window.

- 2) Kitchen cabinets are installed. Dishwasher was also installed with thanks to Donna Dimitri.

Old Business

- 1) Archdiocesan Assembly will be September 24 - 26 in Worcester, MA.
- 2) Golf Classic - we will begin selling the 50/50 raffles this week during coffee hour.

New Business

- 1) Semi Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, October 18, 2015.
- 2) Nancy Ghicondey would like to thank the church and Linda Notskas for sending a card on behalf of the loss of her sister's fiancé.
- 3) Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7 PM.

Michele Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Michele Lorimer seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary