

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - November 15, 2016
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the monthly meeting at 7:05 P.M. and thanked everyone for attending. Father Brooks Ledford led the meeting in prayer.

Roll Call - Peter Ghicondey **Council Members Present:** Nilda Salavachi, William Bortner, Michele Anderson, Michele Lorimer, Donna Dimitri, Peter Ghicondey. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Biando, Linda Notskas, Dorothy Tomassini. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Newly Elected Parish Council Members:** Sergio Georgi, Janice Leyden. **Absent:** Jani Mara, Steve Coraluzzi.

Secretary's Report - The October 2016 Minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Michele Anderson and seconded by Nilda Salavachi. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Michele Anderson presented the October 2016 Treasurer's Report. 106 pledges were made and we are at 90% of our budget pledge. Michele Lorimer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Peter Ghicondey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Donna Dimitri, on behalf of the parish council, thanked Michele Anderson for all her dedication as Treasurer.

Pastor Report - Father Brooks

1. Father Brooks will be taking a sabbatical in December. He will serve on Dec. 4th and return on the 5th of January. Fr. Emanuel will be the priest in charge.
2. Lakuriqi wedding October 23.
3. Diamonti Baptism November 5.
4. Parish Ministry Team
 - YAL meeting December 3rd
 - Youth Group are planning an outing.
 - Outreach meeting October 7th. Janice Leyden will be leading this committee.
 - Charity & Benevolence - Sandi Fiss
5. Fall Classes
 - Fr. Brooks enjoyed the classes this year although the attendance was low. Hoping for a better turnout next year.
6. Bishop Nikon will visit our church November 20th.

Vice-Chairperson's Report - Peter Ghicondey

1. Fantasy Football is in week 10

2. Donna Dimitri expressed her appreciation to Peter for his excellent service on parish council. Peter recruited Tish Klus to start up our church's website and together they have done a wonderful job.

Chairperson's Report - Donna Dimitri

1. New parish council members will be sworn in on Sunday, November 20th by Archbishop Nikon. Officers will be elected at the December meeting.
2. Building Update
 - Tom to install quarter round trim pieces on the pillars and caulk around the base of the pews. Rug bound and will be placed in the candle stand area.
 - South side lower roof project completed, total cost \$18,800.00.
 - South side upper roof project will commence shortly.
 - Michael Grabovari will proceed with radiator covers, will take a few months.
3. Archdiocesan Assembly Update
 - Original date Sept. 28 & 29, 2017. City wide convention rooms were quoted at \$229.00. Most likely change date. Will check with Fr. Arthur.
4. Archbishop Nikon visit Nov. 20th
 - Hotel reservation at Aloft at the airport. Fr. Brooks will p/u and drop off at the hotel.
 - Linda Kosta will prepare flowers to be presented prior to the Divine Liturgy.
 - Saturday night 6:00 Vespers
 - Sunday the Bishop will sit with the high school class during luncheon.
 - A table will be reserved for Ss Peter & Paul members.
5. Christmas
 - Greta Dilo will make new wreaths for the church pillars.
 - Date to decorate Dec. 3rd.
 - Christmas letter written by Fr. Brooks. A Christmas bookmark will be included.
 - Cards to shut-ins from parishioners.
6. OCA Sexual Misconduct Policy will be emailed to everyone to read. Be prepared to sign form at the next meeting.

Sunday School Report - No report present

1. Albanian Thanksgiving play Nov. 27
2. Sunday School Christmas Pageant Dec. 18th
3. Halloween party raised \$218.00
4. Sunday School sponsored coffee hour and raised \$160.00

Old Business

1. Annual Christmas outing is Saturday, December 10th. Lunch and the Philly Pops.

New Business

1. Epiphany Sunday, January 8th
2. Icon Auction Sunday, January 8th & 15th
3. Next parish council meeting Tuesday, December 6th

Michele Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Peter Ghicondey seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary