

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - February 2, 2016
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the monthly meeting at 7:12 P.M. Father Brooks Ledford led the meeting in prayer. Donna thanked everyone for attending.

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

Secretary's Report: The January 2016 Minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Correction to the minutes - remove the recorded notes regarding Peter Ghicondey's surgery. Peter made a motion to accept the Minutes with the correction noted. Bill Bortner seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Michele Anderson was not present with the January 2016 Treasurer's Report. Donna Dimitri reported that the Investment Account is down a bit. Pledges are still coming in. Outstanding invoices were paid.

Pastor Report: Father Brooks

1. Funeral for Helen Douris
2. Three Chrismations: Bella Lorimer, Thomas Lorimer, Olivia Lorimer
3. Two upcoming weddings: May 8th - Fiori Lakuriqi, October 23rd - Laureta Lakuriqi
4. Parish Ministry Teams:
 - Stewardship Committee** will host coffee hour February 14th. A pamphlet was put together explaining the different aspects of stewardship. The pamphlet also includes inside a pledge card. Next meeting is March 2nd.
 - Outreach Committee** are working on a pamphlet consisting of information about our parish and the history of the Eastern Orthodoxy. The Outreach Committee look after visitors and newcomers to St. John's.
 - Charity & Benevolence** collected boxes of toiletries donated from our church. Sandi Fiss, Kevin Fiss, Carolyn Fiss, Fr. Brooks, and friends of the Fiss children, took the boxes to Chosen 300 Ministries located in Philadelphia.
 - Youth Group** were asked by Fr. Brooks to write down issues from which they are curious. During the spring semester they, as a group, will discuss their questions or concerns, and how they relate to the Orthodox Church. Father is planning a gathering at his house come Springtime.
5. Home Visitations are going well.

6. Bishop will be visiting Saints Peter and Paul Church June 26th for their 100th Anniversary/Nameday Celebration. St. John's will be closed on Sunday, June 26th due to their day of celebration.

Vice Chairperson's Report: Peter Ghicondey

1. Website is continuing to grow with an average of 37 daily visitors. Donna Dimitri has done an excellent job with adding pictures of our church events to the website. Thank you to Tish for doing a fine job at maintaining the site.

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

1. Sexual Misconduct Policy was reviewed and signed by Nilda Salavachi and Bill Bortner.
2. Icon Auction was very successful raising \$12,705.00.
3. Nick Naum Scholarship Committee will meet February 19th.
4. Directory Committee will meet soon.
5. Archdiocese Teleconference will take place Thurs. February 11th.
6. February 16 - 18 Donna Dimitri will attend the Metropolitan Council Meeting.
7. Church Floor - Looking at some more floor samples and then a decision will be made. Plan is to have the floor project finished by Holy Week. Staining the pews after the floor is complete will be the next project.
8. Looking into a new lock for the side church door. Cost will be about \$1,000.00.

Sunday School: Steve Coraluzzi

1. Ice Skating Outing is February 21st from 1:00 - 3:30 at the U of P Class of 23 Rink. Sunday School will pay for the outing using the money they raised from their fundraising activities.

Old Business

1. Epiphany went very well.

New Business

1. 3rd Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday - February 7, 2016 - Linda Biando
We have asked our parishioners to donate a pot of their special homemade soup. So far we have twenty soups. We will sell a cup of soup for \$1 and also available will be \$4 and \$8 take home containers. The money collected will be donated to the Broad Street Mission.
2. The Women's Day Celebration and Dance - Sat. March 5, 2016 from 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. in the church hall. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children over 12. DJ and buffet dinner will be provided. BYOB

3. Semi-Annual Parish Meeting will be March 20th during coffee hour.
4. Next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Bill Bortner seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned .

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary