

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - January 5, 2016
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

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

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

Secretary's Report: The November 2015 Minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. There was no parish council meeting in December 2015. A motion to accept the November minutes as presented was made by Michele Anderson and seconded by Peter Ghicondey. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The November and December 2015 Treasurer's Reports were presented by Michele Anderson.

- Everyone should review and make sure that it is the memory of the final 2016 Budget approved at the last parish meeting. Peter Ghicondey made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Michele Lorimer and approved by all.
- Jani Mara made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report, seconded by Michele Lorimer and approved by all.
- The 2016 Budget is in Power Church to the best of notes and memory. After extensive review and after the March meeting, it will be available to the parishioners.
- We received 118 pledges from our parishioners, totaling \$70,160.00. We received \$66,155.00 through December 31, 2015. Our total income for 2015 was \$171,622.13. Our expenses for 2015 were \$187,550.81.

Pastor Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Parish Ministry Teams
 - **Charity and Benevolence** will meet January 12, 2016.
 - **Outreach Committee** will meet January 7, 2016.
 - **Stewardship Committee** will meet January 20, 2016.
 - **Youth Group** met for pizza and a movie November 7, 2015.
 - **YAL** has not met for some time, but will try to get together soon.
 - **Sunday School** will start back up January 10, 2016.
- 2) Epiphany is January 6th and will be celebrated in church January 10th.
- 3) Home Blessings will begin after Epiphany. Signup sheet is available in the side vestibule.
- 4) Archbishop Nikon had surgery to remove a tumor and is in recovery and doing well.
- 5) Newsletter is being worked on.

6) John Jay Institute will visit March 11, 2016.

7) Upcoming Events

March 6 - Meatfare Sunday

March 13 - Cheesefare Sunday

March 14 - Great Lent begins

March 16 - Presanctified Wednesdays begins, 6:30 P.M.

March 24 - Evening Feast of Annunciation

April 24 - Palm Sunday

May 1 - Pascha

Vice Chairperson Report: Peter Ghicondey

1) Peter was recovering for three weeks after having a small mass removed from his tooth/sinus area. He is doing very well.

2) Fantasy Football has come to an end for this year. Congratulations to the following winners: 1st Place - Florina Bacuta and Drew Garcia \$225.00

2nd Place - Eldion Pajollari \$150.00

3rd Place - Peter Ghicondey \$75.00

St. John's Treasury-Royalty Income was \$300.00. Fr. Brooks thanked Peter for running the Fantasy Football League. Peter also thanked parish council for supporting the league.

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

1) The Sexual Misconduct Policy was passed around at the parish council meeting. It was reviewed by all and signed.

2) The Nick Naum Scholarship Committee was formed. The following church members are on this committee: Diane Coraluzzi, Nick Zoto, Sandi Fiss, Carolyn Dardaris, Reem Tarazi, Stephanie Kosta, Nichole Pappas.

3) Icon Auction will take place Jan. 4th and 11th. Peter Ghicondey has agreed to be the auctioneer.

4) Plastic bottles are ready to filled following the Blessing of the Water.

5) The renovation of the side vestibule is complete. There are some pictures and the the bulletin board that still need to be put into place.

6) Committee formed to create a new church directory. Members: Linda Kosta, Jani Mara, Michele Lorimer, Linda Kosta.

Sunday School: Steve Coraluzzi

1) 35 students are registered for Sunday School this year.

2) Sunday School Christmas Pageant was a great success. Thank you Sandi Fiss for putting the pageant together. We had 47 children in attendance that day! Mr. and Mrs. Claus also made an appearance.

3) Ice Skating Outing is scheduled for Feb. 21st. Students are free and \$5 for adults.

- 4) The ornament fundraiser was a success making a profit of \$180.00.
- 5) Gertrude Hawk Chocolate sale raised \$395.20. This money will be used towards the ice skating event.
- 6) 55" T.V. was stolen from the Sunday School area. Talk about having a security system installed was discussed.

Old Business

- 1) Ladies Club Christmas Outing was a good time had by all. 29 women attended the show and luncheon. Nilda Salavachi did a great job putting the event together and has offered to plan next year's outing.
- 2) Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy went very well.

New Business

Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:34 P.M. by Michele Anderson, seconded by Peter Ghicondey. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary