

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - September 15, 2015**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council**

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the monthly meeting at 7:07 P.M. Fr. Brooks Ledford led the meeting in prayer. Donna thanked everyone for attending.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The August 2015 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Linda Biando and seconded by Peter Ghicondey. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele Anderson was not present to give the Treasurer's report. Donna Dimitri stated that the report will be emailed to council in a few days.

**Pastor Report:** Father Brooks

- 1) Fr. Brooks gave an update on the Parish Ministry Teams:
  - **Stewardship Committee** will meet on September 16.
  - **Outreach Committee** will meet on October 1.
  - **Charity and Benevolence** will meet on October 8.
  - **Youth Group** will meet in late October or early November. New bibles were ordered. Fr. made an outline for the year. There will be a pizza and movie night scheduled for this year.
- 2) Sunday School had a Teacher's Workshop in August. Outline for proposed content for grades 1-8 were discussed as well as outline for content for the high school.
- 3) Fall Newsletter was completed and sent out, thanks again to Florina Bacuta.
- 4) We had one funeral for Violet Bivens at Givnish Funeral Home.
- 5) Catholic Presentation scheduled for September 25, 2015 was canceled.
- 6) News Conference for World Meeting of Families will be held in our parish on Sept. 16
- 7) Feast Days in August
  - Transfiguration was August 6. About 22 people attended.
  - Dormition was August 15. About 36 people attended.
  - Entrance of the Theotokos is Saturday, November 21, at 10:00 A.M.
- 8) Bishop will be visiting St. John's November 14 and 15.
  - Great Vespers at 6:00 P.M. with potluck following.

- Hierarchical Liturgy at 10:00 A.M. with luncheon following.
- Beginning of the Nativity Fast.

**Vice Chairman's Report:** Peter Ghicondey

- 1) Peter reported that he did not yet speak with the website developer regarding change to our front page.
- 2) Fantasy Football has started and everyone is having fun.
- 3) Discussed setting up a webpage for the Sunday School students.

**Chairman's Report:** Donna Dimitri

(Donna gave her report under Old and New Business)

**Sunday School:** Steve Coraluzzi

- 1) Sunday School started September 14. We celebrated Elevation of the Cross.
- 2) Teacher's meeting was held in August. Fr. Brooks, Dean, and Steve gave excellent presentations.
- 3) \$146.00 was raised from the Sunday School hot dog sale.
- 4) Working on background checks. St. John's insurance carrier wants all volunteers in the Sunday School program to have PA child abuse history clearance. We are looking into getting the forms.
- 5) Bill and Steve are discussing a project for the kids to do on a Friday or Saturday night and having Fr. Brooks pass them out to the shut-ins.

**Old Business:** Donna Dimitri

- 1) Golf Classic raised a total of \$4,924.80. The final total will be \$5,224.80 after outstanding ads of \$300.00 is collected. 90 tickets were sold. 70 people attended the dinner, we had 23 golfers. Council gave thanks to Donna for an excellent job she did preparing and running the event.
- 2) Floor update  
Fr. Brooks and Donna went to Til Mar Design store to pick out the additional piece of marble to finish the step in the church (about \$500-\$600). Total installation price is \$12,135.00. The tile cost \$9,168.00. Together totaling about \$22,000.00. \$25,000.00 received from John the Baptist Church made this renovation possible.
- 3) Looking into replacing the carpet in the church with possibly some type of hardwood.
- 4) Fire extinguishers were all serviced.
- 5) The rod iron fence work will begin next week.

6) Archdiocesan Assembly is September 24-26.

**New Business:** Donna Dimitri

- 1) Name Day Celebration is November 15. We will ask parishioners to bring in their specialty food. Fr. Brooks will be picking up the Bishop from the airport for this event.
- 2) Insurance for Fr. and Jamie
  - They will be covered with medical insurance.
  - The family plan they have through Cobra costs them \$1,170.00 a month. Parish Council agreed to have Fr. and his family covered for this premium through the church.
- 3) Next council meetings are scheduled for October 13 and November 10.

Peter Ghicondey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Linda Biando seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer  
Secretary