

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - December 2, 2014

St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.; Father Brooks Ledford asked the blessing on the meeting.

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

Secretary's Report: The November 2014 minutes were presented by Dorothy Tomassini. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Linda Biando and seconded by Peter Ghicondey, with one correction under Vice Chairperson's report: WYFI corrected to WIFI. Linda Biando made a motion to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on October 4, 2014, which was seconded by Michele Anderson. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The November 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented by Michele Anderson. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Linda Biando and seconded by Peter. All were in favor. Comments: 1) There is \$1,000.00 not accounted for yet from pledges. 2) The AED expense is not available yet due to a mishap with PayPal.

Father's Report: Father Brooks

- ~ Still working on scheduling appointments for home visits. After the Epiphany Father will give parishioners his monthly schedule where he will be; i.e. Delaware County, New Jersey, Philadelphia and have them contact him to make their appointment. Father stated that the first year of home visits is for establishing relationships with parishioners. His home blessings visits will be shorter next year. The second year Father plans to work with the younger people.
- ~ November 20th Father met with YAL (young adults). They talked about getting together on Thursday evenings for prayer service, social time and possibly go out for food and drink. Several young ladies will introduce him to the fellowship leader at the U. of P. Orthodox Fellowship.
- ~ November 22nd Father met with the H.S. students for pizza and movie night. Pizza was provided by Carolyn Dardaris, Michelle brought it. The choice of movie presented was Dead Poets Society. Father is teaching them "Scriptures." They will know the Bible better than the rest of us. He is preparing them for college. He hopes to visit the younger children from time to time.
- ~ Thanked Bill Bortner for all his help behind the alter.
- ~ On December 15th Father will leave for Texas and return December 30th. Fr. Stephen Siniari and Fr. DuDash will be available for emergencies. Deacon Greg Vrato will serve on Dec. 21st. Fr. Mark Koczak will perform Christmas Eve service.

- Fr. Stephen Siniari will serve Sun. Dec. 28th.
- ~ Nameday celebration went well. Fr. Brooks was very happy with the service from the altar kids.
 - ~ Entertaining the idea of having the Bishop for our Nameday celebration. Fr. Brooks will give him a call and notify him about the event and see if he can possibly make it.

ICON AUCTION DATES:

- Jan 4, 2015 - Epiphany Service and first Sunday for the Icon auction.
- Jan 11, 2015 - the second Sunday of Icon auction.

Vice Chair's Report: Peter Ghicondey

- ~ AED device is here. An appointment was made to install it as well as the WiFi Extender. The cost was \$139.61 from Spacebound. Cable wires will be run to the church hall for Internet service.
- ~ Fantasyfootball after 13 wks. Had four division winners. Those four will receive their \$75.00 entry fee back.
- ~ The website stjohnsphila.com maybe available by Dec. 18, 2014.

Chairman's Report: Donna Dimitri

- ~ T-Shirts are underway
- ~ The sound system for the church is working but still looking to adjust minor problems. A message will be sent out to remind the children not to go into the last room on the left in the Sunday School when classes are not in service.
- ~ There will be a cake on Dec. 28th for Fr. Stephen.
- ~ Thanks to Tish Klus for all her work putting together photos from church events as well as other current events on our website.
- ~ Peter would like to have Nilda attach a Facebook button to our website.
- ~ Arrangements are being made with Nick's niece, Diana, for the transfer of funds to Steve Muzekari for the Nick Naum scholarship fund account.
- ~ Fr. Brooks wrote out the Christmas letters. They will be sent out around Dec. 10th.
- ~ Christmas card list to the shut-ins is available at the candle stand.

Building Maintenance:

- ~ Problem with the heat in the Sunday School
- ~ In Jan. 2015 Donna will have a written proposal for the tile work in the church.
- ~ Next project will be the windows upstairs on the outside of the building. Tim Pappas has the contacts of who we can hire for these jobs.
- ~ No feedback yet regarding the elevator. Waiting to hear back from David Biando.

Sunday School: Steve Coraluzzi (was not present)

- ~ Nov. 23rd Albanian Thanksgiving program. Sandy Fiss in charge.
- ~ \$350.00 profit from the candy sale.
- ~ Sunday School Christmas play is Dec. 21st.

Old Business:

- ~ Ladies Club: Nilda Salavachi put together plans for a dinner/theater venue in Lancaster, PA. They will see "A Wonderful Life" on Dec. 9th.
- ~ New Year's Eve party from 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. BYO. Food, soda, water, D.J. provided.
- ~ Fr. Brooks thanked Nilda for all of her involvement.

New Business:

- ~ Soup-er Bowl Sunday February 1, 2015.
- ~ September 27, 2015 the Pope will be coming to Philadelphia.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michele Anderson, seconded by Linda Biando. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Lorimer, Secretary