

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - August 9, 2016**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council**

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting with prayer at 7:00 P.M.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The July 2016 Minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Bill Bortner made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, Jani Mara seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report present

**Pastor Report:** Father Brooks

- **YAL Group** got together with Father Brooks at his home for a BBQ. It was a nice time had by all with fifteen people attending. September 10, 2016 will be the next gathering.
- **Youth Group** are planning a get together sometime in the fall.
- **Stewardship Committee** will meet soon.
- Currently working on the Newsletter which will go out at the end of the month.

**Vice - Chairperson's Report:** Peter Ghicondey

- Fantasy Football draft will take place the last weekend in August.

**Chairperson's Report:** (Donna Dimitri could not be present due to having ankle surgery, but did send her report)\_

**Building Update:**

- 1) The floor project is almost complete. Quarter round trim pieces on the pillars and caulk around the base of the pews. Many thanks to Tom Lorimer for his excellent installation.
  - a) The black trim on the solea was painted
  - b) All pews were moved forward 8" and the 4 pews next to the pillars were shortened
  - c) The center aisle marble will be grouted this week.
- 2) We have noticed a few leaks in the church, from the lower roof. Areas:
  - a) Right front of the church at the end of the first pew. Miranda Lakuriqi advised water was dripping from the ceiling when she and Grigor were cleaning the church approx 3 weeks ago.
  - b) Left side of the church middle pews closest to the windows. Plaster chips on floor following rain storm.

- c) Leak in the office above the desk, the paint is peeling.
- d) Doors where the trash cans are kept, paint peeling.  
Tim Pappas has a roofer who will come by and let us know what has to be done.  
Follow-up report next month.

3) We have a new oriental rug for the candle stand area. The edges of the rug are being bound as it was 14" too wide. The rug by the entrance door will be removed, the rug from the main entrance to the church will be moved to the front door area and the new rug will be put by the entrance to the church. Will be installed by next couple of weeks.

#### Upcoming Projects:

- a) The office will be painted by the end of the year.
- b) New vinyl floor in the side vestibule
- c) Linda Notskas will put up the information boards in the side vestibule

Our parish received a \$5,000.00 donation from Stephanie & Victor Sarkissian (Rose Mary Notskas daughter and son-in-law). Stephanie asked that we do something with the money in memory of her Mother. I told her we were buying new vigil lamps; she wanted to pay for them with the donation. We would like to have new radiator covers made for the church, and Father Brooks requested a new Gospel for the Altar. Stephanie requested the donation they are making be used to fund those projects. I sent Stephanie an email advising we received the check, updated her on our floor project (she was very interested in that when she was here for Rose Mary's 40 day Memorial) and advised her of the Gospel and radiator covers. She was very pleased.

Father Brooks will research and pick out a Gospel. Michael Grabovari will make the radiator covers. Michael has volunteered to put up wainscoting in the church. We will pay him for the radiator covers. He is the person who made the candle stand and the radiator cover in the candle stand area.

#### Archdiocesan Assembly: Sept 22-24 Southbridge Mass

Nilda is unable to attend due to her new job which she begins on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are permitted have 2 delegates and the parish council chair. I attend as a trustee of the Archdiocese so we can have 3 other people attend the assembly.

Linda Notskas is a definite attendee

Bill Bortner indicated he would like to attend - confirm attendance

Marinela Prifti would like to attend, unsure about getting time off from work

Linda Biando will attend if we need a delegate

Archbishop Nikon visit – date changed to November 20<sup>th</sup>. In the process of making reservation at the Sheraton.

Should we offer Arbana Froto (the woman who has been helping to clean-up after coffee hour) \$10.00 to clean up each week). She is homeless – living in a shelter and with friends off and on. She does have a cell phone though.... Something to talk about. Arbana was not in church this past Sunday.

Our insurance guy, Joe Pekala, can meet with the entire parish council or we can form a sub-committee who will meet with him separately. Whatever way council wants to handle it. Joe will meet with whomever we designate.

Find out who is willing to serve on Parish Council in 2017. Need 7 people. Form an election committee to oversee process.

Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic Golf tee times reserved for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner reserved, will pick menu. Have some raffle prizes looking for additional donation of raffle prizes. Commemorative Booklet will be distributed.

**Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi

- Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

#### **Old Business**

- Church Picnic will be Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 12:00 - 7:00 P.M. at Mermaid Lake, 1002 Jolly Road, Bluebell, PA. \$20.00 to enter the park. Contact Nilda Salavachi for additional details.

#### **New Business**

- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Bill Bortner seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer  
Secretary