

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting - March 15, 2016
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

The Council Chair, Donna Dimitri, opened the monthly meeting at 7:58 P.M. Father Brooks Ledford led the meeting in prayer. Donna thanked all for attending.

Roll Call - Peter Ghicondey **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Jani Mara, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavachi, Peter Ghicondey, Michele Anderson. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Notskas, Sergio Georgi. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Financial Advisor:** Stephen Muzekari. **Absent:** William Bortner.

Secretary's Report: The February 2016 Minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. Corrections were made to the spelling of the name Jani Mara, under "roll call", and also to the name Laureta Lakuriqi, under "pastor report." A motion was made by Nilda Salavachi to accept the minutes with the two corrections. Peter Ghicondey seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Financial Advisor Report: Stephen Muzekari, our financial advisor, gave a presentation. A packet of information was handed out and is included with the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The January/February 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented by Michele Anderson.

1. 2016 Pledges received \$7,890.00.
2. 2016 Icon Donations received \$4,580.00.
3. Gas utility bill was a bit higher than usual.

Peter Ghicondey made a motion to accept the January 2016 Treasurer's Report, Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jani Mara made a motion to accept the February 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Nilda. All were in favor.

Pastor Report: Father Brooks

1. Father thanked Sergio and Nilda for all the work they gave towards a very successful International Women's Day Dance.
2. Fr. Brooks will be leaving Thursday, March 17th for San Antonio, Texas to visit his mother. He will return the following Tuesday.
3. Parish Ministry Teams:
 - Stewardship Committee** is moving along. Stephanie Kosta gave an excellent presentation.
 - Charity & Benevolence** - Sandy Fiss gave a great presentation. Michelle Coraluzzi made a bulletin board to show what the committee has been doing.
 - Outreach Committee** have put together a pamphlet as well as a welcoming card available to visitors at St. John's.
 - High School group** is going very well.

4. Father Brooks is pleased with how well the council, parish, and group ministries are going.

Vice Chairperson's Report: Peter Ghicondey

Website has increased with viewers. As of last February we averaged 32.2 visitors a day. This February we had 48.2, and as of this March we are at 60 individual visitors per day.

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

1. Greta Dilo asked to use the church hall on April 3, 2016 for a birthday party.
2. A locksmith came out and gave an estimate of \$700.00 to install a new panic bar on the side door of the church. Council was in agreement to the installation of the panic bar.
3. Stationery was ordered for Pascha.
4. Women's Day Dance raised \$3,088.20. In attendance was 87 adults and 19 children. Thank you to Donna Dimitri and her family for preparing all the delicious food!
5. Church floor was selected. The quote received was \$16,400.00. This includes the removal of the existing rug, removal of pews, installing the new floor, and putting everything back that was removed from the church. Floor project will be finished by Pascha.
6. David Biando will take pictures during Palm Sunday for the directory.
7. Scholarship Committee met and revised the application for the Nick Naum Scholarship Fund. Up to 5 scholarships per year will be awarded. Each award winner will receive a \$2,500.00 scholarship.
8. Direct Energy issued St. John's a check for \$816.17 as a reimbursement for sales tax paid to them.
9. Smile.amazon.com is a website you can use when making purchases from Amazon. Select St. John Chrysostom as your charity and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Sunday School: Steve Coraluzzi

1. Ice Skating Outing was February 21st. About 56 people attended. It was a great time had by all.
2. Sunday School will host coffee hour on Sunday, March 20th.
3. Preparing for Lazarus Saturday.

Old Business

1. Semi-Annual Parish meeting is Sunday, March 20, 2016 during coffee hour. Delegates will be elected for the Archdiocesan Assembly held September 23-24.

New Business

1. Sergio Georgi volunteered to research, purchase and install a surveillance system.
2. Flowers, candles, and palms will be ordered for Pascha.
3. Next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Michele Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M. Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary