

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – September 6, 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: Donna Dimitri (Chair),** Michele Whitney, Nilda Salavaci, Jani Mara, William Bortner, Peter Ghicondey. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Biando, Janice Leyden, Dorothy Tomassini, Linda Notskas, Michael Leydon. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** Michele Lorimer

**Secretary's Report:** The August, 2016 Minutes were presented and read by members present. **Peter Ghicondey** made a motion to accept the Minutes as written, Nilda Salavaci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Michele Anderson. July and August Treasurers reports reviewed. Peter Ghicondey asked for clarification regarding the Nick Naum Scholarship awards and the checks coming out of the operating fund when the money is transferred. We can have the scholarship committee present a report at the General Parish Meeting. Motion to approve the reports made by Bill Bortner and seconded by Nilda Salavachi.

**Pastor Report:** Father Brooks

- **YAL Group** will meet monthly on Saturdays from 5-6:30. Members may go out together following discussion. September 10, 2016 will be the next gathering.
- **Youth Group** are planning a get together sometime in the fall.
- **Stewardship Committee, Charity and Benevolence committees** are not scheduled but will meet soon.
- Marinella will team teach the Sunday School Senior Class with Fr. Brooks
- Elevation of the Cross on 09/14/16 at 7 PM
- On 09/17/16 Fr Brooks will travel to New York to present at a group meeting of Bishop Seraphin.
- Wedding of Laura Lakuriqi and David on 10/23/16
- Two weddings are scheduled for 2017
- Archdiocesan Assembly 09/22, 23, 24 at St. Nicholas Church in Southbridge, MA.
- Bishop Nikon will be here on 11/19 for Vespers and 11/20 to celebrate Liturgy for our Church Name day followed by the Name Day luncheon. This is during the Nativity fast so there will be a pot luck luncheon of lenten food items. Fr Brooks will check with Bishop Nikon prior to his arrival. Chris Manosis and Zachary Dardaris will be tonsured as readers by Bishop Nikon during Liturgy.

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

- Fantasy Football 18 Teams, 17 Participants (the church bought a team)
- Website is coming along with the help of Tish Klus who is working on it.

## **Chairperson's Report: Report presented by Donna Dimitri-**

Directory Update: info updated photos loaded, want to set up another photo date possibly the nameday celebration on Nov 20

### Building Update:

- 1) Waiting for Tom to install quarter round trim pieces on the pillars and caulk around the base of the pews. Also waiting for Tom to drop off rug for the vestibule.
  
- 2) We have noticed a few leaks in the church, from the lower roof.  
Areas: Waiting on the roofer to submit his report.

### Upcoming Projects:

Father Brooks will research and pick out a Gospel.

### 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, Marinela Prifti and Bill Bortner will be delegates, Father Brooks, Linda Biando and I will attend.

Religious Church Supplies: order arrived: New Holy Water Font, vigil lamps, censer,

Archbishop Nikon visit – date changed to November 20<sup>th</sup>. Hotel reservation at Aloft at the Airport.

Arbana Froto has not been around.....

Our insurance guy, Pick 2-3 people to form committee to meet with Joe Pekala,.

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. Email sent to golfers, letters for add booklet sent. Commemorative Booklet will be distributed.

## **Sunday School Report: Steve Coraluzzi**

- Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 18, 2016 and the coffee hour will be sponsored by the Sunday School as well on that day. There will be a class for teachers soon.
- Marinella will team teach the senior class with Fr. Brooks. Pritesha Jamie will teach this year and Christine Dardaris will team teach with that class as well. Gjorgetta will help teach the younger children this year. Ilera is considering teaching a class. Linda Biando will not be teaching this year but can help out with her former class if the need arises.

## **Old Business**

- Nilda Salavachi reported that Church Picnic was held on Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 12:00 - 7:00 P.M. at Mermaid Lake, 1002 Jolly Road, Bluebell, PA. The cost was \$20.00 to enter the park. It was a great time. Fifty-three people attended. David Joseph (Linda Biando's cousin) was the DJ and Bill Bortner donated the speakers. There was music, dancing and food. The \$500.00 deposit will be returned to us. There were pools for the kids. Discussion about a plan for next year- Should we use the same park? Fr Brooks will ask someone that he knows in the Philadelphia Parks Department about possible use of a Philadelphia Public Park next year, maybe FDR park. A picnic committee will be formed for next year with Nilda Salavachi, Linda Notskas, and Fr. Brooks. They will present some ideas by the November meeting. The picnic will likely take place in August or September next year. If we want to have the Liturgy at the

picnic, there can be no admission charge. Thanks to Nilda and Spartak for all that they did to make the picnic a big success.

- Gregory E Costa Golf Classic is scheduled for October 2, 2016 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Linda Kosta will direct the gift basket process. A suggestion that Greta might also help with the baskets.
- The General Parish Meeting will take place on 10/16/16 following the Liturgy. The Parish Elections will take place. There will be reports given and the budget will be reviewed at the October meeting.
- The new floor looks great!!
- Bob Flannigan and Joe Gulka from the Medford church are working on arranging a process for the choir to be available at weddings when possible.

### **New Business**

- Next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
- Fr. Brooks, Donna Dimitri, Steve Coroluzzi and Linda Biando will meet with Joe Pekala about the church insurance plans to decide which plan to go with.
- Parish Name Day celebration will be a pot-luck luncheon with parishioners asked to bring in Lenten dishes as the luncheon will take place during the Nativity Fast.
- Bishop Nikon will be staying at the Loft Hotel when He visits for our Parish Name Day.
- New Year's Eve Party and the Church Christmas party will be discussed at the next meeting by Nilda Salavaci.

Michele Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Ghicondy seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Biando  
Auxiliary Board Member