

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - March 20, 2016
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Emmanuel opened the meeting with prayer at Noon.

Call to Order: The chairperson, Donna Dimitri, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October 18, 2015 meeting were presented by Michele Lorimer. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Madge Graziani and seconded by Stephanie Kosta. A motion to accept the minutes of the revisited proposed 2016 Budget from November 1, 2015 was made by Stephanie Kosta and seconded by Pandora Bendo. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Michele Anderson. The motion to accept was made by Nilda Salavachi and seconded by William Bortner. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks was not present to give his report due to personal business he had to attend to in San Antonio, Texas.

Vice-Chairperson's Report: Peter Ghicondey

- Website is about three and a half years old and is continuing to grow with an average of over 58 daily visitors worldwide as of March 2016.

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

- Donna attended the Metropolitan Council Meeting February 16-18, 2016.
- 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 your purchase price to St. John's.
- Parish Council have agreed to send flowers to Fr. Brooks and his family in San Antonio, Texas for the passing of his mother. Linda Kosta suggested flowers being sent from the parish as well. All were in agreement.

Parish Ministry Teams:

Charity & Benevolence - Sophia Kozlov

- Toiletry Drive has been very successful. Asking for more donations.
- Lazarus Saturday Retreat is April 23, 2016. Please donate your time to help. Sandwiches will be made and donated to the Chosen 300 Ministry to feed the homeless.

Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi

- We have an average enrollment of 28-30 students in Sunday School.
- Ice Skating Event February 21, 2016 at the Penn Class of 1923 Rink. About 56 people attended.

- Lazarus Saturday April 23, 2016. Charity & Benevolence will be helping out. Bill Bortner will have activities for the children.

Stewardship - Stephanie Kosta

- St. John's Facebook page has 197 "likes". An average of 100-120 individuals have viewed our posts.
- The Stewardship Committee has put together a pamphlet explaining the different aspects of stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure. Also included is a pledge card.

Outreach - Albana Qendro

- Working on a pamphlet containing information about our parish and the history of the Eastern Orthodoxy. The Outreach Committee look after visitors and newcomers to St. John's.

Nick Naum Scholarship - Sandi Fiss

- The committee met on February 19, 2016 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.

Women's Day Celebration - Spartak Brahillari

- Women's Day Dance March 5, 2016. In attendance was 87 adults and 19 children. \$3,088.20 was raised. Thank you to Donna Dimitri and her family for preparing the food as well as Sergio & Colleen Georgi, Jani Mara, Spartak & Nilda for all their help.

Old Business:

- Church floor was selected. A vinyl floor will replace the existing rug. The quote received was \$16,400.00. This includes the removal of the rug, removal of pews, installing the new floor, and putting everything back that was removed from the church. Plan is for it to be completed by Holy Week.
- Review of the 2015 Budget

New Business:

- Election of Delegates for Archdiocesan Assembly in Sept. 23-24, 2016, St. Nicholas - Southbridge, MA. Linda Notskas, Nilda Salavachi, William Bortner.

Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 P.M. was made by Stephanie Kosta and seconded by Spartak Brahillari. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary