

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - October 22, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the meeting with prayer at 11:50 am.

Call to Order: The chairperson, Donna Dimitri, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The March 2017 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Kathie Costa. Linda Biando seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nilda Salavachi-not present
Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2016 statement showed a deficit by \$30,000.00. Our major expenses last year was the floor project and the lower roof repair. Incoming expense statement for Feb. 2017, deficit by \$7,000.00.
A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Linda Biando. Dorothy Tomassini seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Baptism of the Kashari children.
- 2) Marriages: Five marriages coming up
- 3) Parish Ministry Teams: all are welcome to join
 - Outreach Committee is going strong. Working on a parish pamphlet to be available in both English and Albanian.
 - Stewardship Committee will be led by Stephanie Kosta.
 - Charity & Benevolence Committee will meet March 23rd.
 - YAL Committee will meet March 25th.
 - Worship services will be taking place soon. Father encourages everyone to make an effort to attend these services.

Chairperson's Report: Donna Dimitri

- 1) Building Update: South side upper roof/gutter project will begin in the middle of June.
- 2) Hall Windows: The church hall windows will be replaced, they are rotted. We have \$271,561.00 in our investment account. This would be a good time to replace the windows considering how high the market is right now.
- 3) Parish Directory: We are getting photos together for the parish directory. Will be published at the end of March. They will be emailed, some copies available for those without email.
- 4) Website: Thank you Tish and Sergio. The site has been updated.

Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi
 - Ice Skating outing was a good time had by all. Approximately 40 people attended.
 - Candy Sale made a \$380.00 profit.
 - Lazarus Saturday will be held after the Divine Liturgy service. All are invited for arts, crafts, pizza.
 - End of year party will be held in June. Thank you to Kathie Costa for volunteering her home for a pool party.
- 2) Nick Naum Scholarship - 5 scholarships of \$2,000.00 each will be awarded.
- 3) Women's Day Dance - thank you Nilda for putting together this event. 121 people attended. Revenue \$5,455.00, less the money for the caterer \$1,937.50. \$3,517.00 was turned over to the church from this fundraising activity.

Old Business:

- 1) Soup-er Bowl Sunday was a success, thank you Linda Biando. About 21 soups were made. \$430.00 was raised and will be donated to the Project Home in Philadelphia.

No Old Business from the floor

New Business:

- 1) Father Brooks and Nilda Salavachi are planning an outdoor Liturgy/Picnic for sometime in August.

Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm was made by Linda Biando. Jim Spiro seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary