

6/7/21 St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting- via Zoom

Present: Fr. John, Fr. David Lowell, Deacon Igor, Jan Bear, Bobby Borisov, Janet Frazier, Charles Iragui, Amy Lines, and Jennifer McDonald. Absent: Tim Moore. (MSA- moved, seconded, approved)

1. Meeting was opened with prayer.
2. Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Rector's report- Akathist for Cancer was started at the end of May. Someone noted that people have been loitering around the church, possibly someone trying to set up a camp. The police were contacted. Fr. put up 'No trespassing' signs. Fr went to Tacoma yesterday for the retirement service for Fr. John Pierce.

Covid- Given expectations that covid restrictions will be lifted soon, Fr. would like to increase limits at DL to 30-35 people. Soon the restriction will be 75% of maximum still w/ 6 foot spacing. In July he would like to stop having sign-ups. He plans to go back to a single spoon in July. Amy asked about having the spoon tipped into the mouth, rather than closing the mouth around the spoon. Presumably after July starts, there will be two chalices for many services. Meeting to discuss trying to restart church school- trying to get it scheduled. Red Cross blood drive on July 9 in our hall. The Red Cross will do all the work, though we could provide volunteers to help check people in. Brief mention of the beverage table in the hall, but no decision made as to refurbishing or replacing.

4. Treasurer's report-Finances. Checking \$23,758 (operations money). Savings \$24,314, which includes funds for: Building (\$17,926), Icons (\$3,079), Kliros (\$1,131), St. Elizabeth (\$1,158). Money market \$61,075. (This is also for operations: kept segregated, though usable, w/ \$20,000 of that intended for the years 2022 and 2023.). St. Martin's Fund \$111,067. There have been two recent donations to the St. Martin's Fund raising the amount today up to ~\$121,000.

- For May- contributions were \$19,143 and expenses were \$15,101.

- Year-to-date (Jan-May): Income vs Budget +~\$19,779. Actual income is ahead of budget and expenses are below what

was budgeted. We had intended to have \$4,000 money at this stage of the year to add to the reserves, but clearly have

done better than that.

5. Janet reported on the coffee hour held in the hall yesterday after liturgy. 'It was a huge success.' Food was served in individual wrappings. One person served coffee. Creamers and sugars were individual. The doors were kept open. Masks were optional. She and Elaine plan to do that again next week. She would like to plan a BBQ for Pentecost, which is Father's Day, planned by Janet, Matushka Elaine, and Matushka Eva. They are planning to feed 75 people. Council will sponsor costs for food at a reasonable budget. Janet has considered having a sign-up for future coffee hours (vs previous lunches). We discussed mechanisms for a sign-up system and planning how to schedule that.
6. Pentecost Services- We discussed allowing more people to the service vs coming to communion after the service, which may be an issue given Kneeling Vespers immediately after the service.
7. Strategic planning: Fr. David showed a book by Fr. Peter Danilchuk about strategic planning. Fr. David and Fr. John will be taking a two part conference on parish leadership sponsored by the OCA in June & July. They will present a discussion as to what strategic planning may look like for this parish at a special council meeting (September 18).
8. Windows in the cupola. There are two donor families willing to contribute to the replacement of these windows. After some effort Amy finally was able to discuss the issue with a contractor, so hopes to have a bid soon.
  9. Next meeting- Monday, August 10, 6:30 pm.
  10. Meeting ended with prayer.

Signed: Jennifer McDonald, Secretary