

8/10/20 St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting- via Zoom

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

1. Meeting was opened with prayer.
2. Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Rector's report- Back on June 9th, Metro Fire Safety came to inspect our fire alarm in the hall. Everything checked out ok. We served vigil and Liturgy for the Feast of Ascension. We served a Panikhida and funeral for one of our parishioners, Eli, who passed suddenly. Her funeral and burial were way up in Herland Forest near Goldendale, Wa. We served Great Vespers and Liturgy for the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul. On July 1st & 2nd, we served Great Vespers and Liturgy for St. John Maximovitch. July 7th I concelebrated Liturgy at Annunciation in Milwaukie, for the tonsuring of Fr. Nicholas Letten into monasticism. He is now Fr. Andrew. July 9th we held a Red Cross Blood drive, which was well attended. From about the 18th through the end of July I was on vacation. In August we served the Feast of Transfiguration, and we have the Feast of the Dormition coming up this weekend. At some point back in July, I turned on the sprinklers for the church grounds. They are looking a lot better now. Kathy B., Stilian, and Radoslav are still working on fixing the leak at the air vent on the outside wall of the church. Radoslav and Stilian are going to work on doing some erosion control just on the uphill side of the upper parking lot, near where the water meters are located, to prevent the mud runoff that has been happening there when it rains. They obtained some gravel and will use some of the brick pavers that we have next to the hall. Kathy is in contact with the Boy Scouts to see if she can get help fixing the stairs on the outside of the choir room. She said this would be a good Eagle Scout project. She is getting a few bids from companies who will clean debris off the roof of the church, and will be able to take down the crosses for us, and put them back up. We recently received a new cell phone from AT&T to replace the older iPhone that we had. For .99 cents.
4. Treasurer's report-Finances. Checking \$15,660 (operations money). Savings \$6,117, which includes funds for: Building (\$13,247), Icons (\$3,289) and other funds. Money market \$61,076. (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 \$122,725. - Year-to-date (Jan-July): Income vs Budget +~\$9,644
5. Report from ministries- No reports from St. Martin/charities or St. Elizabeth. Church school- will be starting in September- w/ Catechism of the Good Shepherd- for the younger children. Barbara Eng is in charge. Brian Edwards continues to check in with the older kids- teens, trying to come up with something social.
6. Bylaws: The diocese will be amending bylaws for the diocese and giving parishes model bylaws. These will be voted on at the diocesan assembly. Fr. David said we are to read these, but are not supposed to be recommending changes to present to the diocesan assembly. Fr. David noted that some things in our present bylaws likely do not belong in the bylaws, but rather are policies (such as vacations, etc.) or a mission statement. We will address these issues once the new model bylaws are passed.
7. Upcoming strategic planning preparations by Fr. David: Fr. John and Fr. David went to 2 sessions via zoom w/ Protodeacon Peter Danilchuk and have been having discussions. The council meeting is Sept 18 10am-2pm. He recommends we present a proposal to start strategic planning to the parish but not until the annual meeting. He reports that the parish council will present a vision for the parish. However, as Charles commented, there will be study groups that would include non-council members. Janet suggested a survey of the parish regarding where they would like to see St. Nicholas in 5 years; what they consider important. Fr. David recommends that Janet, Amy, and Jan develop the survey in the next few weeks. MSA to make a survey. They will bring a preliminary version to the council in about 1 week.
8. Maintenance issues: The carpet on the stairs in the hall (especially the hall by the front door) are looking like they should be replaced (perhaps w/ non-carpet). The floor in the choir rehearsal room needs

to be replaced soon. Fr. John will ask several people to get bids. Amy notices that the furniture at the entrance of the hall looks bad. She suggests a matching set of new or used furniture. Janet recommends new furniture. A new beverage/supply table has been purchased for the hall. The computer in the office is very old and slow. This is used by Lori and Tracey. Jan will talk to them about their needs.

9. Now that there is cash being collected at services, do we need to start counting in pairs again? Presently, Lori is counting. Charles reports that it is 'best practice' to have two people counting cash. We could do that, and then have the checks go to Lori. Fr. John will notify Lori of the change. Cash in envelopes will be reattached to the envelope after counting. This includes counting the money from cash box in the narthex. We no longer will fill out spread sheets or take the cash to the bank. Charles and Janet will count this Sunday, if a system can be worked out. We are supposed to have an internal audit every year. We can ask Bob Cook to do that at the end of the year.

10. Next meeting- Fr. David recommends that we go back to in person meetings after church/brunch. He recommends the meetings be limited to 90 minutes. Next meeting will be 9/12 after brunch, starting at 12:15.

11. Meeting ended with prayer.

Signed: Jennifer McDonald, Secretary