

9/12/20 St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting- via Zoom

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

1. Meeting was opened with prayer.
2. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Rector's report- We've kept our normal schedule of services, both on weekends, and weekdays, including major feasts, including Church New Year 9/1, Nativity of the Theotokos, and upcoming the Elevation of the Cross.
 - Due to the COVID spike, and government guidelines, we have gone back into masks for parishioners and the choir. .
 - I will be starting up an inquirer's class next Saturday. So far I have 7 people interested in coming. Reece, Clark, Raymond, Jason, Bonnie, McLeod, and Lorelei.
 - I replaced a part (fill valve) in one of the hall's upstairs toilets, which had been wasting water. That's solved now.
 - Kathy B. has been working on getting bids from different roofing companies, to get our church roof cleaned (moss), and to remove crosses from the cupola for cleaning. We are waiting to hear back from a couple companies. One company had questions regarding the Crosses: What are they made of? Weight? How are they affixed to the cupolas? I have sent those questions off to Fr. George to see if he may know the answers.
 - Stilian has almost completed the repair on the vent on the outside wall of the church, just outside of the utility/water heater closet. He is still going to affix some flashing to help with water flow.
 - In regard to the carpet replacement on the stairs in the hall, Kathy B. suggested the following: Could two of the council members take on this project? They can go to CFM, Contractors Furnishing Mart, to see options. <https://cfmfloors>. CFM has a list of 'handymen' too that they can get estimates from. Recommend choosing someone who 'specifically' do installation. **** Amy and Janet volunteered to help with this.
4. Treasurer's report-Finances. Checking \$11,564 (operations money). Savings \$5,795. 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.). Building fund \$14,447. St. Martin's Fund \$124,215. The past month- income \$9,492, expense \$15,111 = -\$5, 618 deficit. - Year-to-date (Jan-Aug): Income vs Budget +\$4,662.
5. Business:
 1. Safety railing needed by the edge of patio north of the basement door of hall. Someone has fallen at least once. Kim Knudeson had looked into this two years ago. We will start again.
 2. Discussion about chair placement in the temple, putting them back on the carpet.
 3. Church records in the cloud- Jan will set a meeting w/ Fr. John to plan how to do this.
 4. Computer upgrade- We need to get a new windows computer for the office. Discussion about types- probably a desk-top, Jan will ask Lori if she can look at options. Bobby will help.
 5. Cash counting- Jennifer did it today and reported on the new form. People will sign up.
 6. We are often short on paper bulletins.
 7. Post-communion wine will be eliminated for now, d/t the present Covid surge. We will also return to using tongs to give out bread.

8. Email- Some people are not getting Fr's emails. We discussed where the problem is.
 9. Blessing of food after liturgy- discussed ways to accomplish this. It was determined that people will wait for the priest to come and bless the food.
 10. Our long-term cleaner is quitting. Janet has worked out a budget w/ us buying supplies and recommends paying \$260/ month. She also has written a clear job description. She has knowledge of one parishioner who is quite interested, but there may also be others interested. MSA to proceed.
 11. Meeting for council on Saturday, 9/18, 10am-2pm at church to work on future planning. Fr. will order sandwiches.
6. Next meeting- in person Sunday, 10/24 at 12:15. Semi-annual meeting for parish Sunday, 10/31, in church after liturgy.

Signed: Jennifer McDonald, Secretary