

Parish Council Meeting

January 22, 2023

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present were Fr. John Karcher, Dn. Igor Beskorovaynyy, Janet Frazier, Radoslav Toloiev, Jan Bear, Bobby Borisov, Tim Moore, Cheryl Wilson, Barbara Eng.

Janet moved to accept the minutes from the December 11, 2022, parish council meeting. Tim seconded. Unanimous.

Priest's report. Since the Dec. 11 meeting, Nativity services went well. We had to canceled Royal Hours at Christmas due to icy weather. We've had a funeral and a baptism. There were a couple of minor plumbing issues that Fr. John fixed.

Radoslav gave the treasurer's report. (Draft year-end report incorporated by reference.) Operations Year Ended Results vs. Budget were very close to what was predicted. A large Charities item is probably a pass-through for the Alaska contribution.

We received a thank you letter from the Diocese of Alaska for our donation of \$3,076.

We reviewed the parish policy on the hall rental. Fr. John received an email from the Census Bureau to ask if they could rent the hall for classes. The most recent policy was in 2016 clarifying use by Orthodox vs non-Orthodox. Before that, the policy looked at church activities in three categories: 1) parish activities; 2) parishioners for non-church activities (e.g., weddings); 3) non-parishioners. Janet moved to eliminate group 3. Tim seconded. Unanimous.

Regarding pan-Orthodox services and events, especially with Lent coming up. Fr. John said the clergy group is in discussion on the matter.

There's been no talk about anything at St. Nicholas. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be at Holy Trinity.

The Sacristy project is basically finished with only minor adjustments to be done.

We have the new safe. Offerings are put into the safe after counting.

Kathy Baghdanov wants to put a maple tree outside the church. She also notes that the trees in the parish hall need bigger pots and soil. Jan moved that we approve those expenses. Janet seconded. Unanimous.

We discussed the church insurance policy. The current policy has been \$6,800 per year, and the insurance company, Farmers, was canceling our coverage because it no longer insures churches. Janet looked into alternatives. Church Mutual's quote is \$4,889. GuideOne offers a plan specifically for Orthodox churches that includes coverage for liability issues not covered under the past policy. The founder of GuideOne is Chairman of the Board at St. Tikhon's. GuideOne's policy costs \$4,947 per year. Janet moves we go with GuideOne. Jan seconded. Unanimous.

Regarding tabled old business—the painting project: Maintenance on the crosses on top of the church building are on hold, because we'll need heavy equipment to get them off.

Cheri moved to adjourn. Janet seconded. Unanimous

The next meeting will be February 19, 2023.

Jan Bear
Secretary