

Parish Council Meeting

February 19, 2023

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present were Fr. John Karcher, Fr. David Lowell, Janet Frazier, Radoslav Toloev, Jan Bear, Bobby Borisov, Tim Moore, Cheryl Wilson.

Janet moved to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2023, parish council meeting. Cheryl seconded. Unanimous.

Priest's report:

Fr. John gave the priest's report.

- The leak in the ceiling of the parish hall was fixed.
- The fund-raiser for the earthquake in Turkey raised more than \$3,000.
- Longtime parishioner Alex Kennedy has died. His funeral will be Friday, February 24.
- Fr. John attended the Deanery meeting February 16. St. Sebastian Church Camp at Gig Harbor, Washington, will happen at the end of June.
- We've had good attendance at Liturgies, both Sundays and weekdays.

Treasurer's report:

Radoslav gave the treasurer's report. (Draft year-end report incorporated by reference.) We have a surplus for the month, and parish finances look healthy.

Janet moved to move the Lenten Covid offering into the discretionary charitable fund. Cheryl seconded. Unanimous.

Janet noticed several discrepancies between line items on the annual budget and the monthly statement. Radoslav will discuss the matter with Lori.

New business:

- The parish council will host the Palm Sunday banquet.
- On Lazarus Saturday, the work party will happen after Liturgy, as usual. A family is joining the parish that day as well.
- We will have the usual Pascha festivities, including the Easter egg hunt and barbecue. We will forgo the cake walk and loud music.
- The Diocesan Lenten charity this year will be the Diocese of Alaska.
- We need to get the gutters cleaned.
- We need someone to oversee maintenance on the buildings and grounds. Not to do all the work, but to be a point of contact and to work with a team of volunteers. Kathy Baghdanov has been helpfully doing this, just taking care of what needs to be taken care of. Fr. John will ask her if she'd like to be officially the coordinator of maintenance for the grounds and facility.
- We have an opportunity to put in a small parish bookstore. St. Anthony Monastery offered a selection of free books at the cost of shipping only. Some discussion of the pluses and minuses of running a parish bookstore. We'll set up what we have in a corner of the parish hall and work on the honor system.
- There is a water leak on the outside wall of the flower room that urgently needs fixing. Radoslav will look at it to see what needs to be done.

- The team installed a new sink in the flower room (not related to the leak). It's a deeper sink and a taller faucet, so that the people setting up flowers will have an easier time working with the water.
- Several parishioners have expressed interest in creating a flower and herb garden. Janet moved to give the go-ahead to allow the planting team to develop a garden on the southeast corner of the property. Jan seconded. Unanimous.

Old business:

Radoslav and Stylian will put the new wall between the priest's office and the bookkeeper's office next week.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2023.

Upcoming events:

For the Feast of the Annunciation, we will hold the Vigil here at St. Nicholas, and the festal celebration will be at Annunciation Parish in Milwaukie.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be at St. Mary Romanian Church in East Portland.

Janet moved to adjourn. Radoslav seconded. Unanimous.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Jan Bear
Secretary