

Parish Council Meeting

March 19, 2023

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present were Fr. John Karcher, Dcn. Igor Beskorovaynyy, Janet Frazier, Radoslav Toleev, Jan Bear, Bobby Borisov, Tim Moore, Cheryl Wilson, and Barb Eng.

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

Priest's report:

Fr. John gave the priest's report.

We are well into Lent, and services are going well.

Fr. John was sick for a brief time.

The book class and Bible study continue.

Catechism class is over for the season. All members except one have become catechumens. One family will be baptized on Lazarus Saturday, and the rest of the new entries will come in on Palm Sunday.

Diocesan Assembly will be in Santa Rosa, California. Lay delegates will be Seraphima Green, Cheri Wilson, and Jennifer McDonald.

Treasurer's report:

Radoslav gave the treasurer's report. (Incorporated by reference.)

Offerings fell 50 percent short in February. We usually receive \$15-18 thousand in offerings from November through January. There's not much cushion in the checking account, and the bank balance dropped to \$4k at the end of February.

Fr. John checked the bank balances. The checking is above \$7,500; savings is at \$21,500, so the situation is not urgent and may have been affected by timing.

Lenten COVID funds still need to be paid into the Priest's Discretionary Fund.

Radoslav will ask for a monthly report from last year to see if there's a pattern.

The groundskeeping service was canceled. The February charge of \$700 will be the last on this account.

New business:

- 2023 Directory: We should include new catechumens, if they wish to be included. We will set up a place for people to make their own directory corrections and provide extra sheet for people who want to be added to the directory.
- Palm Sunday barbecue: We'll get 30 pounds of salmon for the Palm Sunday barbecue. (Fr. John will order). Two pans of rice with vegies. The parish council will provide other sides.
- Pascha vespers barbecue: Janet will purchase hot dogs, etc., for Pascha vespers BBQ. Last year, the parish council provided hot dogs, buns, and condiments.
- The church has suffered damage from flickers (woodpeckers). Lee says there's a paste to fix the holes. Cheri will look for a way to deter the birds.
- The floor in the choir room is cracking and chipping and becoming a tripping hazard. Kathy is looking into options.

Old business:

Fr. John spoke with Kathy about being the coordinator of grounds maintenance. She was interested in the possibility.

Joe is collecting a team for mowing.

There is a water leak in church roof. We will pursue the solution.

Regarding the settling problem under the front porch of the church, Stylian said it looks like the cement there has addressed the issue. The ground has settled, and it doesn't look like it will settle any more. We might be able to fill the cracks to keep them from expanding.

Next meeting: May 7, 2023.

Radoslav moved to adjourn. Tim seconded. Unanimous.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Tabled to March 29, 2023

Should we start using real silverware and the dishwasher?

Jan Bear

Secretary