

10/31/21 St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Semi-annual Meeting.

Attendance- see attached- #30.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer.
2. Priest's report- see attached.
3. Treasurer's report- see attached- briefly 9 months- Checking/money market- these are both ops money = \$70,842.90 (\$10k apply to each of 2022 & 2023). Savings- \$7,005.65- fund balances- eg icons, flowers, etc. Building fund money is kept in the money market, not in the saving's account. St. Martin's fund \$121,460.35. We will be moving some money from the money market (where is presently makes little to no interest) back into the checking account, since the bank plans to charge a fee if the checking account balance is less than \$10,000. Over the first 9 months of the year, we have had surplus in donations over expenses of \$4,391.72. We have budgeted for more income and for more expenses than have occurred.
4. Reports: - Choir- Tracey noted the difficulties for the choir in the time of Covid- both in limited numbers and wearing masks. The choir has moved into the back southwest corner of the church. There are several new singers and several who are no longer able to sing.
 - Deacon Igor- He reports on on-line groups that have developed during the time of Covid- regular morning prayer each week-day, a weekly book study group, and he has continued a Russian Bible study group.
 - School- Youth and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd- see reports.
 - St Elizabeth- see attached.
 - Works of the People- encouraging people to sign up on-line for various chores.
 - St. Martin Committee- Joe Ediger Reports- from the fund itself \$5,000 to a home in Ethiopia (matched by >\$5,000 by parishioners' direct donations) and ~\$3,000 to a homeless charity in Portland (matched by same amount from parishioners). The committee is made up of Fr. John, the elder, one other council member, and 2 lay parishioners. There is a form which parishioners can use to ask for money to go to a charity.
 - Building maintenance- see attached.
5. 5-year plan report- Jan Bear- see attached. She described the process of the survey sent to all parishioners. She noted the 5 subdivisions- Worship/prayer, Spiritual growth, Christian education for all ages, Service within and without the parish, Social life/fellowship. She notes that if we make progress in all these sections, then the parish will grow. She notes that the plan is flexible-not rigid, open- not closed, and Christ-focused- not ego-focused. There are sign-up sheets for the 5 work groups. She encourages parishioners to sign up for one group. The expectation is that these groups will be able to report at the parish annual meeting early next year.
6. Meeting was closed with prayer.

Jennifer McDonald, Secretary.