

Parish Council Meeting

June 25, 2023

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present were Father John Karcher, Deacon Igor Beskorovaynyy, Janet Frazier, Barb Eng, Tim Moore, Radoslav Toleev, and Jan Bear.

Janet moved to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2023, meeting. Tim seconded. Unanimous.

Priest's report: Pentecost Liturgy and barbecue went well. Father John has been following up on the leak in the sprinkler system. It turns out that it wasn't a sprinkler valve but a pressure-reduction valve. We will need to get a plumber instead of a landscape expert. After some difficulty getting an estimate, we learned that the work will cost more than \$1,000.

Father John will be on vacation next weekend. Father David will serve the first three Sundays in July, and Father John will return for the last. Midweek services and meetings will be canceled throughout July.

Treasurer's report: Both income and expenses are below budget. Income is 2.5 percent below budget; expenses are 8.4 percent below budget. We still have a positive balance for year to date.

We need to create a file to keep contracts and information for big maintenance and upgrade projects, including iconography.

Old Business:

Leaky valve update — See above. Janet moved to approve up to \$4,000. Radoslav seconded. Unanimous.

Community bulletin board — It would be good to have a community bulletin board downstairs in the hall. Business cards, items for sale, etc. The question is where to put a bulletin board. We need to be cautious about bulletin

board overload. The council approved. Deltra and Janet will find a bulletin board. We'll date the items so that they can be kept current.

Shelving for library—Barb reported on the library reorganization. We have approximately 800 books, of which 90 percent are sorted. One option is to leave things the way they are, with mismatched shelving. We could put in built-in shelving—twin-track shelving (cheapest option) vs. plywood with framing vs. fine woodworking. Most of the books would fit if we had wall shelving. We also need more lighting to look at books. We can estimate 10 books per shelf, and the shelves should be no higher than six feet. If we want to provide magazines, it would be necessary to display them facing outward so that they can be found.

Tree removal—At the last meeting, the council approved up to \$1750 for tree removal. Janet's tree guy said we didn't need to remove the tree. Kathy got a bid for the same services. Both came in around \$1300. We decided to go with the company that Kathy chose.

The food drive needs to be more conspicuous. Maybe put it in the basement, where people can add to it more easily.

COVID supplies—We will invite parishioners to take away the leftover COVID supplies if they want them. We'll dispose of the remainder at the end of July. Put them down on the table by the door.

Next meeting: August 27, 2023

Jan Bear
Secretary