

## Parish Council Meeting Approved

August 27, 2023

The meeting opened with prayer.

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

Janet moved to accept the minutes from the June 25, 2023, meeting. Cheri seconded. Unanimous.

### **Priest's report:**

Fr. David covered for Fr. John during his vacation in July.

At the end of July or early August, we got the leaky pressure valve taken care of. One licensed plumber told Fr. John that he didn't need a licensed plumber to fix the problem. It was ultimately fixed by 7 Dees. Some sprinkler valves also needed replacing.

Fr. Barnabas Powell asked if we have anyone who can host Bishop Alexei from Alaska to visit here on September 14. It will be a pan-Orthodox event. Janet asked if we should set a budget to provide vegan refreshments at the event. We'll allow contributors to turn in receipts for refreshments if they want.

Heather MacKean was here a month finishing the icons of the Archangels in the apse. We would like to have Heather do more work, possibly in the dome, but there are cracks that need to be explored and addressed.

Dcn. Igor and Brian Edwards are discussing increasing the high school education.

Quite a few people are interested in inquirers' classes.

We have a nest of yellow jackets in the ground near the church.

Recent fund-raisers have been successful. We raised \$700 in one Sunday for relief after the Maui fire. We then raised more than \$1,300 at the rummage sale on August 26.

**Treasurer's report:**

We're in a good place. Both the income and expenses are below budget, leaving net income of \$3,972. Janet asks if we can get a line item showing how much comes in for lunches (like candles), so that we can see whether they pay for housekeeping and kitchen supplies. We're not asking for it to appear as a separate, restricted fund, however.

Need to budget more for the rector's pension, because the expense is over budget as of July.

**New Business:**

Jan Bear will be leaving soon. She currently manages our website and email accounts. Should we look into other website/IT management solutions? (e.g., Orthodox Web Solutions). Jan will provide a list of what she does, how long it takes each week, and what would be required for someone else to take on the tasks.

Jan Bear's position on the council will be vacant. This will be filled by our current alternate, Barbara Eng. Our bylaws state the following:

“j) Any vacancy which occurs shall be filled by the Parish Council by electing a successor with confirmation by the Parish Priest, for the remainder of the vacated term. (Article V, section j, on page 9).”

Barb won't be able to continue being on parish council, because of church school. Jan is on her last year of her term. Deltta might be willing to be an alternate.

Re: Woodpecker damage. We need to find out if we have anyone in the church who can repair the areas on the church damaged by woodpeckers. Hardie Board siding has been suggested in combination with small deterrents such as reflectors and or a plastic owl. Can we do the repairs or do we need a contractor? When do we want to do this? Before next spring? (Note: Father John observes that the damage is all on the south side of the church building and typically seems to happen in the springtime.)

We need effective counter measures as well as a means of repairing the damage. We will ask Stylian and Jason what they know about it. Lee Frazier can be a good source of information.

Possible paella fundraiser meal by Kim K. (might be good for Meat Fare kickoff). (Paella is a Spanish dish made of rice, sausage, chicken, shrimp, peppers, etc.) Kim offered to prepare the food as a fund-raiser. We would pay for food supplies, and others would provide salads and sides. Janet will give him the go-ahead.

Bulletin boards: Take down photos in upstairs hall and put school stuff in its place. Use the rolling bulletin board downstairs as a community bulletin board. We'll get two bulletin boards from Amazon.

We've had a parishioner, Katherine Hyde, offer to help coordinate a parish bookstore.

Next annual meeting: November 26, 2023. Reports will need to be in by November 12. Budget team—Fr. John, Radoslav, Janet Frazier—will meet before that. We will solidify the budget team roster at the September meeting.

Cheri suggests that we set the parish council meeting for the fourth Sunday of the month, to make it easier for the church school to have a predictable schedule. That would be September 24, then October 22.

Archbishop Benjamin will be here December 9-10, 2023.

## **Old Business:**

Two diseased trees were removed from the parish property. The price came in at \$900, below what we budgeted for it.

We've received flooring estimates for the choir room. The estimate included the floor in the electrical room at the church. Kathy recommends painting the walls of the choir room as well. The total would be \$3,500. If parishioners helped, it would reduce the price by \$680. Janet moves to go ahead with the painting and the flooring. Jan seconded. Unanimous. Budget up to \$3,000 for painting and floor.

She also got an estimate for custom cabinets in the choir room—\$18,000. Cheri will get estimates from Home Depot and Ikea.

Janet moved to adjourn. Tim seconded. Unanimous.

**Next meeting:** September 24, 2023

Jan Bear  
Secretary