

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting Date: February 20, 2025

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM/began 6:40 PM

Attendees: Fr. John Karcher, Bobby Borisov, Jason Rens, Deltta Anderson, Eric TenBrook, Radoslav Toloev, Cheryl Wilson

Opening Prayer

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous (January 16, 2025) meeting with amendments. First Motion Radoslav and seconded by Bobby. Minutes unanimously approved.

Priests Report

- Father John teaching three inquirer's classes, Saturday's, Sunday's, and occasional midweek class.
- Bible Study Tuesday nights.
- Good cadence of church services.
- House Blessings about finished.

Treasurer's Report

- Currently in line with the budget for 2025.
- There is a reserve of \$2,300.00 for the month.
- Radoslav will talk to Lori about how the St Martin Fund Advisory fees are being recorded.

New Business

Palm Sunday Fish BBQ

- We decided to order 60lb's of fish, check with Seraphima to find out if she is donating any of the fish this year.

Palm Sunday Greenery/Pascha Flowers

- Father ordered some extra greenery for Palm Sunday.
- There will be a Pascha flower donations appeal to parish for those who want to donate.

- Cheryl will look up pictures of other possible floral decorations for consideration.

Kitchen Improvement

- Cheryl will investigate what constitutes a commercial kitchen and if we can provide food for homeless efforts without a commercial kitchen?

Parish Cleaning Day

- Our next parish cleaning day is scheduled for April 5th (Saturday).

Life Insurance for Rector

- The 12th All-American Council passed a resolution that requires all OCA Parishes provide at least \$50,000 of term life insurance benefits to their priests. Parish Council reviewed life insurance information and Eric motioned to approve that Fr. John be covered with \$150,000.00, Matuska Eva, \$25,000.00 and their two minor children living at home \$10,000.00 each. Parish Council will make sure that this line item is in the budget for 2026 under Clergy Benefits. Second Motion made by Bobby. Unanimously approved.

Old Business

Church Carpet Taping

- Main carpet is fully taped, and back edge of back carpet is taped. Watching to see how the taping holds up. May do more taping later, Fr noted that he would like the small carpet at front of church to be taped.

Tree Removal Estimates

- Cheryl provided information on tree estimates from the following companies: Spiral Tree for \$5,075.00 (this includes \$1,000.00 in kind donation from Spiral Tree), A Plus Tree LLC for \$2,640.00 and Ash Tree Enterprises for \$5,350.00. The Parish Council reviewed Radoslav made a motion to approve the bid from Spiral Tree, Bobby made a second motion, approved unanimously. Cheryl will call Kathy and let her know to take over communication and scheduling with Spiral Tree.

Choir Room Update

- Jason provided the current estimate as of 2/18/2025 for choir room floor materials. Materials are now \$1521.44, labor if we remove flooring is

\$1142.00 if installer removes \$1822.00. Jason will talk to Radoslav, Kathy and Bobby about scheduling for us to remove the floor. Cheryl made a motion to approve moving forward with project at this cost, Radoslav made second motion. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date is March 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer

A motion to adjourn was made by Deltta and seconded by Radoslav, approved unanimously.