

**Parish Council Meeting
February 10, 2021
Remote Zoom Meeting**

Roll Call

Parish Council Members Present: Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Nilda Salavachi, Christine Dardaris, Davit Jishkariani, Zachary Smith, Reem Tarazi

Clergy: Father Dennis

Sunday School Director: Steve Coraluzzi

Auxiliary Members Present: Linda Biando, Paula Bendo, Peter Ghicondey, Linda Notskas

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:07pm

Secretary's Report

Reem Tarazi presented the minutes from the December 2020 meeting. Nilda Salavachi moved to accept minutes and Davit Jishkariani seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (reported by Zachary Smith)

- At end of January 2021
 - a. Checking account at \$30,655.05
 - b. Investment account at \$232,913.10
 - c. Increase in both accounts
- Deposit of \$35,000, transferred to investment account
- Icons: We received bids totaling \$6225 for 52 renewed icons from 2020; \$5275 paid thus far of this amount
- \$22,000 income including icons and donation from Zotis family
- \$17,473 in black because of movement of funds between accounts
- \$24,000 pledged thus far for 2021; received \$3670 of this amount

Reem Tarazi moved to accept the report, seconded by Davit Jishkariani. Motion passed.

Father Dennis Report

- Funeral for Bessie Satir held last week
- Canceled liturgy last week because of weather
- Watching weather for this week

Chairperson Report (presented by Donna Dimitri)

- Brian from Mulroybay Construction will come to the church in March to check the hall windows. The weather has prevented him from coming. Not a problem as we have not had much rain so no leaks.
- Volunteers to draft new language for thank you letters for memorial donations. Currently have:
 - Our own St. John Chrysostom said; "Those whom we loved and lost are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are." Our life in Christ binds us together in life, in death and in eternal life that we cannot be separated from one another. Thus, we say "MEMORY ETERNAL."
 - Our Church depends on the generosity of its friends and parishioners to maintain the beauty of our building where we meet to worship God and help in its mission to do good works. We appreciate and thank you for your memorial contribution.

- Need volunteer to find a new a “Memory Eternal” tribute board with plaques that can be engraved. We have about 10 spaces on the existing board. Sergio and Steve will follow-up with options for this perpetual plaque

Sunday School Report (reported by Steve Coraluzzi)

Sunday school COVID-related hiatus continues. Steve working on Lazarus Saturday (April 24) program and will discuss program plan with Fr. Dennis. Ideas include having Fr. Dennis doing service in front of altar with children in pews, making mesh socially distanced in church hall with families, having a lesson with Fr. Dennis, and lunch outside. Details will be discussed further but a save the date will be sent to parishioners.

Technology Report (reported by Sergio Georgi)

- Thank you to Gregory Dardaris and Steve Ghicondey for help with the live stream, which is going well.
- SALES sends notification directly to treasurer, Zach Smith (Nilda removed from notifications)
- Discussion about removal of mandatory notification before proceeding to website. Sergio will decide whether to move to different link so only those signing up to attend church in person will need to read and acknowledge.

Old Business

- Background checks: Christine Dardaris emailed everyone the links to complete. When get your response, send to Christine. Donna indicated Sunday school teachers will be done in future when relevant.
- Altar server robes: Project is moving forward; Dr. Dennis has a model he will bring in on Sunday for others to see.
- Icon auction: 55 icons kept thus far; 26 returned for re-auction (81 total); Will reach out to families have not heard from yet
- COVID update and plan: church attendance up and down; may expect more people with upcoming memorials
- Board discussed resuming coffee hour indoors. Multiple board members shared perspective on this issue. There was review of city regulations provided by Zach, which we are legally bound to follow. Fr. Dennis stressed archdiocese position that churches follow local guidelines and regulations. Discussed idea of having fellowship in hall without food/drink for the time being. Board agreed to this plan starting this Sunday.

New Business

- Semi-annual parish meeting scheduled Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00pm
- Nilda and Zach will try to work out issues affecting access to parish Facebook account.

The next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 with a closing prayer from Father Dennis.

Respectfully submitted,
Reem Tarazi