

**Parish Council Meeting  
July 7, 2021  
Remote Zoom Meeting**

**Roll Call**

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

**Clergy:** Father Dennis

**Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi

**Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Croke, Peter Ghicondey, Linda Notskas

**Meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 pm**

**Secretary's Report (reported by Reem Tarazi)**

Reem presented the minutes from the June 2021 meeting. Zach moved to accept minutes as presented and Christine seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report (reported by Zachary Smith)**

At end of June 2021:

- Zach transferred \$25,000 into investment account on 6/7/21
  - Checking account currently around \$23,063; investment account currently around \$277,497
- We currently have 51 pledges totaling \$36,900; monies received increased to \$20,775
- 39 icon pledges; \$9,925 received of the \$13,270 pledge amount, which is expected to be final pledge amount for the year
- Received check from insurance company for AC repair
- Expenses expected, other than heating/AC repair cost; \$14,000 paid thus far for AC repair
- \$3404.99 in black this month (accounting for transfer); for year thus far, \$33,875.98 in black
- Zach presented where we are compared to the budget at midyear point in terms of projected expenditures and income in multiple areas
  - our income is exceeding expectations in many areas
  - expenditures more mixed, but generally doing well

Reem moved to accept the report, seconded by Sergio. Motion passed.

**Father Dennis Report**

- Representatives including Fr. Dennis went to Boston for Fr. Arthur's celebration
- Fr. Giorgi has accepted offer for position as our parish priest

**Chairperson Report (presented by Donna Dimitri)**

- On Saturday, June 26, 2021 12:00 – 3:00 pm Father Dennis and Donna attended the ceremony honoring Father Arthur Liolin for his 50 plus years of service to the Albanian Archdiocese. It was a very nice event. Photos are posted on our website.
- Our insurance company, Utica, will cover the cost to replace the air conditioner that was damaged when someone stole the copper tubing. The cost to replace the unit is \$29,654. From Phoenix HVAC, the company who installed our new boiler. Zach sent a check to Phoenix for half of the cost as a down payment. Jim, (Phoenix HVAC) will look into something to cover the copper pipes. Install scheduled for the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Chair lift upper to church has been repaired. We now have a new person to call if we have additional problems with the lift. It is 30 years old so hopefully nothing major occurs.

- We invited Metropolitan Tikhon to our Name Day celebration on November 14<sup>th</sup>, however, His Beatitude is planning on hosting His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev of the Moscow Patriarchate that weekend. Metropolitan Hilarion will be at a conference at SVS on that Friday. Following the conference, His Beatitude and His Eminence will travel to DC for the weekend. Metropolitan Tikhon will not be able to join us November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Mulroybay Construction will be installing the new downspouts and examining the areas that leak (back by the organ, the window closest to the side vestibule). Also, both center windows in the church hall. This work should begin in August.
- If anyone is interested in attending the Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly in Worcester, MA, September 23-25<sup>th</sup>, contact Donna.
- Prayer cards have been laminated and will be placed in the pews this Sunday.

#### **Sunday School Report (reported by Steve Coraluzzi)**

- Still looking for director or co-director. Planning work starts in August, so would be helpful to have someone identified soon.
- Nicole Pappas Ferreira is still willing to serve as co-director. Michele Sarkos was not interested given some concerns.
- Several suggestions offered by council members and Steve and Donna will follow up.
- Saturday, July 24 is the planned date for Sunday School cleanup day.

#### **Technology Report (reported by Sergio Georgi)**

- Sergio put motion detector lights in back of church and will be putting up an outdoor camera as deterrent to further criminal activity
- This Sunday is 1-year anniversary of live stream; went from 4 to 74 subscribers in this time
- Added “sacraments” page under publications on website with information about sacraments and forms to fill out if interested

Donna offered a big “Thank you!” to Sergio for all his efforts and success with the livestream efforts this year, along with Peter and Gregory Dardaris who have assisted with these efforts. If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be interested in helping with livestream on Sundays, please reach out to Donna or Sergio.

#### **Old Business**

- Altar server robes - Project has resumed per Fr. Dennis
- Fr. Giorgi update:
  - Fr. Dennis is not serving on July 25 and August 1. We don’t have a substitute for July 25, so Donna sought permission for Fr. Giorgi to serve on July 25. Permission granted and Fr. Giorgi has expressed willingness to serve.
  - Process underway for transition from seminary to our parish
  - Filed paperwork for OPT; Reem reported she spoke with a friend who is an immigration attorney who would be willing to provide service, if needed
  - According to Zach, for tax purposes, we should be able to use 1099 versus W2 process with his Visa.

#### **New Business**

- Linda C. presented some ideas for service opportunities in the area for those interested. Linda C. became aware of a program to feed homeless through involvement with another Orthodox church in the area. Donna asked Linda to write something for messenger to give others opportunities to participate.

- Linda C. also shared information about a hoagie fundraiser through Wawa that we could consider to raise money for church or to share with those in need.
- Nilda accepted new job with DOD – she will be police officer with US Navy and will be away for 3 months. Congratulations!

**The next Parish Council monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:27 with a closing prayer from Father Dennis.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Reem Tarazi