

Parish Council Meeting
June 8, 2022
Remote Zoom Meeting

Roll Call

Parish Council Members Present: Christine Dardaris, Davit Jishkariani, Nilda Salavachi, Zachary Smith, Reem Tarazi, Sergio Georgi (until 8:00)

Parish Council Members Absent: Donna Dimitri

Clergy: Fr. Dennis

Sunday School Director: none

Choir: none

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

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:31 pm

Secretary's Report (reported by Reem Tarazi)

Reem presented the minutes from the May 2022 meeting. Zach moved to accept minutes as presented and Nilda seconded. Motion passed.

Update on donations and thank you notes: We had a lot of donations to recognize this past month especially for memorials. Thank you to Linda C. for helping to write a beautiful letter to thank those who donated in memory of +Steven Cosmo.

Treasurer's Report (reported by Zachary Smith)

At end of May 2022:

- Checking account up to \$37,244
- Investment account at \$264,370, representing an increase from last month
- 44 pledges received thus far; \$30,854 promised and almost \$16,000 received so far
- 1 additional icon pledge received; \$9234 received thus far from this year's bids
- Feel free to ask Zach questions about check register; note that church contributions logged every 2 weeks in recent months
- Notable Income
 - More Pascha donations received – over budget about \$1000
 - Network for Good payment received = \$222
- Notable Expenses
 - Nothing unusual; regular expenses
- Over \$17000 in the black this year so far
 - Another \$10,000 bequest has been made and not yet received
- On track to meet revised budget (to be presented at semi-annual meeting)
- CC statement presented; dealing with fraudulent charges

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

Chairperson Report (reported by Sergio)

- A/C unit was supposed to be installed May 20 but installer backed out, so we won't have new A/C for the time being. We have some estimates coming in but higher than initial quote so

have to see if insurance will pay higher price. Donna will present new estimates in the next week. Linda N offered to bring freestanding units.

- Livestreaming
 - We can now see how much data we're using to monitor/manage and we have plenty of data
- Sent email about enhancing collaboration and communication through app on the phone so don't have to rely on email – system rejecting and denying yahoo and AOL users
 - We will discuss more at next meeting
- Deacon Gregory is available for July 17, 24 for Typica service
- Donna wanted to thank council and auxiliary members for love and support shown to her and her family

Clergy Update (reported by Fr. Dennis)

- 2 baptisms scheduled in next month – Linda N. checked in about support needed for baptisms
- Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. Dennis covering most Sundays except July 17, 24

Old Business

- We should have at least 4 other people attend Archdiocesan Assembly Meeting in September
 - Linda C, Linda N, Nilda and Spartak expressed interest in attending and we have been making announcement after church each Sunday. Representatives will be elected at semi-annual meeting to represent our parish and can vote
- Donations for student fund
 - Everyone should be receiving letter from archdiocese
 - We will also have basket in church on Sundays
- Semi-annual parish meeting will be rescheduled
 - We already discussed the agenda at last meeting
- New priest
 - Will revisit next steps after Donna's return per conversation between Davit and Donna
 - Fr. Dennis will be in touch with Fr. Nikodhim on this issue to see if we need to move forward more quickly to express interest in scheduling interviews
- FB update:
 - Nilda asked why we need rules/responsibilities for social media director specifically; Zach clarified we have written responsibilities for president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary in our constitution; these will be shared with Nilda per request
 - Christine suggested we define roles/responsibilities for social media director and then determine who will be doing the role
 - Peter suggested council make motion to form committee of 3-4 people to discuss this issue and to propose a plan to council for social media management and roles/responsibilities of those directing/editing social media
 - Zach made motion to form committee and recommended Nilda lead that committee; Reem seconded the motion
 - Davit asked for clarification re: what committee's goals would be
 - Discussed motion in detail

- Peter, Nilda, and Linda C volunteered to be on committee; Nilda agreed to chair committee and suggested inviting Fiori and Stephanie Kosta; committee should have 5 members.
- Motion passed
- Nilda will proceed with forming and organizing committee; Linda C made suggestions for initial steps to prepare for meeting
- In mean time, Davit suggests that we have temporary solution for use of social media
 - Peter suggests committee has deadline (before next council meeting) to present recommendations
 - Nilda voiced concern that credentials were taken away and not re-instated and indicated she is still interested in directing social media
 - Further discussion occurred verifying concerns about past use of account and verifying that committee will develop and propose plan for social media management and responsibilities of social media director/editors to be considered by council at next meeting

New Business

- Linda N. has been helping to manage upkeep of the church
 - Linda N. won't be at church this week – left notes in kitchen on wall next to outlet re: closing up the church (please remember to close side door tightly and take trash home)
 - Spigot in women's bathroom is broken; likely needs a new faucet – need to identify handyman
 - Marble floor in the church – we need to wash it at some point; Linda C. offered to wash floor on Saturday after baptism
- We need to collect names of graduates to announce in church; Reem will ask Sergio to send email to elicit names
- There is a catered lunch on Sunday for memorial for Bessie Satir
- Need a date for semi-annual parish meeting. Fr. Dennis suggested in-person meeting could be held in church instead of hall because of lack of AC. Nilda and Pete stressed that we do meeting in person. Reem will send email to council tomorrow to start discussion on choosing a date so that Sergio and Donna can be part of discussion.
- Sergio asked about Nick Naum application numbers; Reem will check in on this

Next Parish Council monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Reem Tarazi