

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – January 2, 2018
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church Parish Council

Father Brooks Ledford opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 pm with prayer. Donna Dimitri thanked everyone for serving on council.

Election of new Officers for 2018: Nominated and seconded:

Council Chair	Donna Dimitri
Vice-Chair	Janice Leyden
Treasurer	Nilda Salavachi
Secretary	Michele Lorimer
Trustees	Sergio Georgi, Fiori Papa, William Bortner

Roll Call – Janice Leyden. **Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Janice Leyden, Sergio Georgi, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavachi, Fiori Papa. **Auxiliary Members Present:** Dorothy Tomassini, Linda Notskas, Linda Kosta. **Sunday School Director:** Steve Coraluzzi. **Clergy:** Father Brooks. **Absent:** William Bortner, Linda Biando. Also present at the meeting was Spartak Brahillari.

Secretary's Report: The November 2017 minutes were presented by Michele Lorimer. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Nilda Salavachi and seconded by Janice Leyden. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The November 2017 and December 2017 Treasurer's report were presented by Nilda Salavachi. **1)** November 2017 pledges received \$49,079.00. November 2017 icons received \$13,606.00. **2)** December 2017 pledges received \$56,238.00. December 2017 icons received \$14,541.00. A motion to accept the November 2017 Treasurer's Report was made by Michele Lorimer and seconded by Fiori Papa. All were in favor. A motion was made by Janice Leyden to accept the December 2017 Treasurer's Report. Fiori Papa seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks

- 1) Father Brooks elaborated on the outpour of love to and from our parishioners and non parishioners.
- 2) Father is awaiting a response from Father Emmanuel regarding priest coverage while he is away on vacation.
- 3) There have been several weddings over the past summer and two chrismations. Many young adults are coming into our parish. They have felt the love and comfort from our parishioners, and for that, Father is extremely proud.

Vice-Chairperson Report: Janice Leyden

- 1) Janice thanked everyone for their support and assistance while she took part as acting Chairperson.

Chairperson Report: Donna Dimitri

Donna offered her sincere thanks for the love and support during her time of bereavement.

Building Update:

- 1) Gutter/roof project complete. A google link for the photos will be created and a notification put in the Weekly Messenger for those interested.
\$14,897.41 for materials & lift rental
\$63,957.82 labor, original work estimate
\$57,316.50 (extra work \$6,641.32)
Extra work:
 - Repoint the chimney at the rear of the church
 - Repoint all copper outlets. This is where the rain water exits the copper pole gutters.
 - Reset 6 masonry caps
 - Installed missing shingles on north side of the roof
 - Spot patch pointing as needed

- 2) Father Brooks reports there are still problems with the urinal in the men's bathroom. The handle does not reset automatically. Spoke with George Kosova, ball park estimate to replace urinal \$2,000.00. He has to re-pipe the urinal going through the wall in the ladies room. The existing pipes are 1/2" cannot upgrade urinal with those pipes. Our water bill is usually around \$95.00 per month. That is for water, sewer and the most expensive part of the bill, "Stormwater charge". We use between 1 and 2 ccf of water each month. In September we used 18 ccf, apparently the water was running somewhere. George came and checked but did not find anything. The water company came out and checked the meter – no problem.

OCA Sexual Misconduct Policy: Emailed everyone. Please sign the attached form which will be sent to Archbishop Nikon.

Icons: Getting ready for Auction on Sunday, January 7, purchased:

St. Gregory Palamas

All Saints

Samaritan Woman

The Paralytic

The Blind Man

St. Mary of Egypt

Zacchaeus

Code Violations: On Nov 24th we received 3 code violations for the trash in front of the church on Oct 6, 2017. Each was \$50.00 fine. We appealed and the fines were dismissed. Trash pick-up a problem – Father Brooks is working on it. Steve has been taking the trash to the dumpster across the street.

Housing allowance for 2018 submitted by Father Brooks.

Committee/Other Reports:

- 1) Sunday School - Steve Coraluzzi
 - Albanian Thanksgiving presentation was a success.
 - There was a great turn out for the Christmas Pageant on December 7th. Next year we will go back to holding the pageant closer to Christmas.
 - Gertrude Hawk candy sale went well. The Sunday school made a profit of \$370.00.
 - Ice Skating Outing will be scheduled soon.

- 2) Technology Update – Sergio Georgi
 - Working on posting icon information on the website for next year. This would give people an opportunity to view ahead of time and become more familiar with the icons offered at our annual auction.
 - A secondary mailing list was created called meternal@stjohnsphila.org to be used for death announcements.
 - Sergio is also working on a self-servicing calendar where we can post and share all events at St. John's as well as a sign up calendar for coffee hour sponsors on our website.

Old Business:

- 1) Christmas Review
 - Vesper Liturgy had great attendance. Will discuss possibly changing the time of the service for next year, depending on everyone's work day schedule.
 - Decorating the church for Christmas was a good turn out of help. The church looked beautiful. Discussed forming a committee for this event.
- 2) Icon Auction - January 7th and 14th, 2018.
- 3) Epiphany - January 7, 2018.

New Business:

- 1) Archdiocesan Sexual Harassment Policy was signed by parish council members.
- 2) Soup-er Bowl Sunday – February 4, 2018 (Linda Biando).
- 3) Women's Day Dance – Saturday, March 3, 2018 (Nilda Salavachi). This event will be held from 5-10 pm. Tickets purchased ahead of time \$50.00 adults, \$20.00 children 12 and under. Tickets sold at the door \$60.00 adults, \$20.00 children.
- 4) Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, March 18, 2018.
- 5) Painting Event – Fiori Papa discussed having a painting event in February/March as a church fundraiser.
- 6) Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Michele Lorimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm. Nilda Salavachi seconded the motion. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary