

Parish Council Meeting
Friday, June 5, 2020
Remote Zoom Meeting

Roll Call

Parish Council Members Present: Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Wes Hanson, Linda Biando, Elena Shomos, Fiori Papa **Clergy: Father Dennis**

Auxiliary Members Present: Father Dennis, Linda Notskas, Steve Coraluzzi, Zach Smith, Mirna El Khatib, Davit Jishkariani, Paula Bendo, Christine Dardaris

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:08pm

Secretary's Report

Elena Shomos presented the minutes from the May 2020 meeting. No comments additions or questions. Linda Biando motioned Sergio/Wes seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses are low. Main expense is insurance (building/liability). Last month we had the PC approved coffee expense of \$840. Gas, electric, sewer very minimal. We have been receiving donations, a few additional Pascha donations, some donations for funerals performed in the church. Donations made in memory of loved ones whose graves were visited by Fr Dennis. We sent a thank you note to everyone who has sent a donation/thank you cards for Pascha donations. Motion to accept by Elena Shomos seconded by Linda Biando. Motion passes.

Vice-Chairperson Report

Given by Fiori Papa. Nothing to report.

Father Dennis Report

- Funeral
 - Kept distance, wore gloves, small crowd, Deacon Andrew Rubis chanted, mostly in Albanian because of the family
 - Fr. Dennis also went to the cemetery

Sunday School Report

Given by Steve Coraluzzi. Nothing to report.

Technology Report

Given by Sergio Georgi. Topics covered included the following:

- Streaming computer ready to go
- Sometime next week for a trial date/rearrangement of choir loft
- Doors to be locked
- Sound equipment upstairs will be moved downstairs

Old Business

Elena reached out to Fr Brooks and he is open to a sendoff
Postpone paint event due to lack of interest

New Business

Reopening the church. Philadelphia has moved to Yellow phase. The following is the discussion/ideas that were generated.

- Target date of July 5 (in person and streaming)
- Fr Dennis/Donna will fill in the questions on the archdiocese form
- Comes down to what the city is doing
- City = no more than 25 people social distancing
- Donna measured the church 1670 sq ft
 - There is a program that says how many can be in the church
 - About 42, but this doesn't take candle stand, etc into consideration
 - Need to wait and see at least two weeks after protests to see what numbers look like
- We will check with Vlad and family to see if they are willing to do the choir
 - Parishioners will be encouraged not to sing
- Need to figure out how to have people sign up to attend liturgy
 - Be sure we can livestream before we open up
 - Make sure it's safe to attend
 - A combination of phone calls and email/online signup
 - Sergio volunteered to update the online coffee hour calendar
 - Possible to have people standing outside (but it's hot in July and August)
 - Signup sheet for one altar server per week
- To enter:
 - Temperature checked outside before entering
 - Attendance taken for contact tracing
 - Masks
 - Linda & Christine have volunteered to take temperature
 - Hand sanitizer
 - +Everything on list from Metropolitan
 - Put prayers in the weekly messenger (card inserts will be gone)
 - Regulars encouraged to take home laminated copies and bring back
- Cleaning protocol
 - Not immediately after church
 - Get volunteers to come in, for example, on Saturday AM
 - Fr Dennis will figure out a routine for cleaning the iconostas
 - Will not hire a cleaning company at this time
- Homeless population
 - Cannot enter because must be pre-registered

- We can provide a paper bag with toiletries and water – Elena volunteered to put these together. Will stop by the church to bag up supplies sometime this month.
- Candles
 - Someone designated to light candles if you buy candles
 - Possible pre-paying of candles or pre-lighting of candles to limit exposure
 - Options for virtual candles with lit ones at church
 - Need a way to not be making change if we have a pay at church system
- No basket passing
- Communion
 - Fr Dennis will use a separate chalice for sipping. We will plan to use wooden spoons.
- Move liturgy books, pamphlets, etc. out of reach
- Anditheron/Veneration
 - Venerating the cross can be done with a bow. Same for kiss of peace.
 - Whoever cuts the mesh with gloves could spread it on a tray in dixi bathroom cups
- Entering/Exiting
 - After veneration of cross go to either side and exit out front door
 - Painters tape for 6' distancing
 - Maybe turn off streaming before communion and have people exit after communion
- No coffee hour
 - September/October think about outside coffee hour and fellowship

Fundraiser Idea – Facemask with Albanian Eagle

The next reopening meeting is Friday, June 19th at 7pm to reconvene on reopening plans

The next meeting date will be determined at the Friday June 19th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 with a closing prayer from Fr Dennis.

Respectfully submitted,
Elena Shomos