

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Remote Zoom Meeting

Roll Call

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

Auxiliary Members Present: Father Dennis, Linda Notskas, Peter Ghicondey, Dorothy Tomassini, Steve Coraluzzi, Zach Smith, Elizabeth Papa ☺

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:08pm

Secretary's Report

Elena Shomos presented the minutes from the April 2020 meeting. We discussed Donna Dimitri's suggested revisions. All in favor of amendments.

Treasurer's Report

We reviewed the April Treasurer's report. Serge emailed the graphs and showed them on the Zoom call. Total pledges stand at \$32,814, we have received \$13,374. No one paid in April for icons. Pascha donations are currently \$4861. We also received additional funds from online sources. Expenses in the month of April included \$1700 worth of candles and Pascha supplies that can potentially be used at a later date. We have relatively few bills right now. Motion to accept by Linda Biando, seconded by Elena Shomos.

Vice-Chairperson Report

Given by Fiori Papa. Topics covered included the following:

- Not enough interest in the Paint Event so we will not move forward

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

- Lazarus Saturday Zoom meeting was nicely attended; run by Father Dennis
- Not sure if Sunday School will resume, usually graduation is in mid-June
- Possible that we can do a Sunday School event when we are back together to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year
- Hard to schedule for parents as everything is on Zoom

Technology Report

Given by Sergio Georgi. Topics covered included the following:

- Zoom events going well, events being posted to website
- Exploring option of live-streaming Divine Liturgy
 - Funding would be required for new equipment
 - Will depend on the complexity of the stream we want (from simple to recorded by someone with a camcorder)
 - Could go live as early as this Sunday, but we are looking at this as an option for when we are able to gather again
 - Parish Council was shown two different levels of equipment
 - A problem is that our church has poor connectivity with DSL
 - This may change once construction for the condos across the street starts. They have contracted with Comcast.
 - We could start with cellular streaming
 - Wes asked how the video will be encoded. More information about software needed is on the info page on Confluence.
- Motion was made by Fiori that Tech team (Sergio, Wes, Fiori) to spend up to \$5000 on equipment. Seconded by Elena Shomos.

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

Coffee hour with Fr Dennis has had a decent turnout. Steve proposed sending coffee out for coffee hour to our parishioners, with a letter inviting them to attend Zoom coffee hour. Charlie Biando's coffee company will provide 100 packages of coffee for \$6 per package including labor. Charlie will take care of mailing and packaging. In exchange we will send parishioners' email addresses to Charlie for promotion. Charlie may wish to sponsor coffee hours in the future by bringing in a pot of coffee. Steve motioned to spend \$840 for 120 packages of coffee to be sent and mailed to parishioners, seconded by Wesley Hanson. Motion accepted unanimously.

We will brainstorm small businesses in our community that we might want to support for next meeting.

Discussed blessing graves on Memorial Day. We will discuss on the side.

Reopening the church

- NJ stay at home extended to June 10, Philadelphia in Stay-At-Home indefinitely
- Fr Dennis is a vulnerable group age 65+
- Realistically May is not a possibility; potentially not until end of June
- Elena will send information on choir restrictions
- Communion options were provided in the letter from the Holy Synod. Bishops decide. Then it's up to the individual to make their own options.
- We will address this issue at the next meeting.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 3rd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elena Shomos