

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - OCTOBER 14, 2018
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

Father Brooks Ledford opened the meeting with prayer at 11:52 am.

Call to Order: The Chairperson, Donna Dimitri, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman of Elections: Linda Kosta presented the current slate of candidates for the 2018/2019 Council.

Current slate of candidates: William Bortner, Donna Dimitri, Janice Leyden, Michele Lorimer, Fiori Papa, Nilda Salavachi, Sergio Georgi.

Nominations from the floor: Father Brooks nominated Jerry Hall and Davit Jishkariani, unfortunately they were not present to accept the nomination. As there were no other nominations from the floor, secretary Michele Lorimer cast one vote for the nominated board. No one opposed.

Secretary's Report: Michele Lorimer presented the March 18, 2018 minutes from the last semi-annual parish meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Bob Flanagan. Stephanie Kosta seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Father Brooks Ledford

- ~Father began his report with a reflection that was posted on our website sometime ago. After more than a quarter of a century of being an ordained priest in the Orthodox Church in America, serving many parishes and jurisdictions, he says that this parish is the best community he has ever served.
- ~He discussed the history of the church, what "used to be" in regards to baptism, weddings, funerals. About how Sundays were for church and being with family. He was merely referring to history and not judging the ways our parish, or any other parish adapt to current situations.
- ~Father mentioned the several ministries here at St. John. Outreach, YAL, Stewardship, Charity and Benevolence, Sunday school, and others. He is greatly appreciative of all of those who are involved.
- ~In closing, Father expressed his appreciation to all whom he serves and leads. That with all his faults and inefficiencies, he is forever grateful and will continue to do the best that he can to move our parish forward.

Treasurer's Report: (Nilda Salavachi was not present)

Year to date report and proposed 2019 budget was distributed. A special meeting will be scheduled in November or early December to discuss the 2018 Income and Expense report and the 2019 budget.

Old Business:

~No old business from the floor

New Business:

~No new business from the floor

In concluding remarks, Chairperson Donna Dimitri, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:23 pm by Stephanie Kosta, seconded by Linda Kosta. All were in favor, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lorimer
Secretary