

**Parish Council Meeting
July 10, 2023
Remote Zoom Meeting (recorded)**

Roll Call

Parish Council Members Present: Christine Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Davit Jishkariani, Zachary Smith, Reem Tarazi

Parish Council Members Absent: Nilda Salavachi

Clergy: Fr. Kai

Auxiliary Members Present: Linda Croke, Linda Notskas

Meeting opened at 7:35 pm with prayer.

Secretary's Report (reported by Reem Tarazi)

Reem presented the revised minutes from the June 2023 meeting.

Sergio moved to accept minutes as presented and seconded by Zach. Motion passed.

Donna thanked Reem for the efforts in sending thank you notes for donations.

Treasurer's Report (reported by Zachary Smith)

At end June 2023:

- Checking account down to ~\$40,800 (see notable expenses)
- Market investment up this month to ~\$260,500, reflecting positive market changes
- 2 new pledges this month; minimal changes to amount promised (~\$39,000) and received (~\$27,600) YTD
- Icon payments received up to ~\$11,400 YTD
- Investment account and check register presented for review
- Notable Income
 - \$2357 in pledge payments
 - A number of memorial donations received
 - 1 baptism donation
- Notable expenses
 - \$12,248 payment for the AC, which is finally installed! Thank you to Donna for all her work on this effort. We expect this amount back from insurance.
- In red again this month, which is typical for summer. Please continue to remind people about importance of pledges and making pledge payments
- Bank and CC statement available for review

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

Other updates:

- Donations we agreed upon have not yet been sent to IOCC missionaries, which is now at 4 families. Zach will make these donations shortly

Clergy report (reported by Fr. Kai)

- Will speak to Vladimir about plan to start Vespers services second week in September and will have an educational component.
- Parishioner shared that the pamphlet that Fr. Kai prepared for church yesterday was helpful and appreciated; it included choir, priest, and reader content which made it easier to follow along.

Fr. Kai moved to his new home in Deptford last week! Congratulations and many years!

Chairperson Report (reported by Donna Dimitri)

- No additional information on the asbestos assessment. Will follow-up this month.
- The new A/C has been installed in the church hall. We will be contacting the insurance company to request a reimbursement.
- The sales tax refund for tax paid to PECO was approved. We will be receiving a check for \$640 from the PA bureau of Revenue.
- Ilirjan Papa and Father Kai have had a few conversations with Quirako Kosova about Iconography at the church. Donna will try to make arrangements for Ilirjan and Quirako to make a presentation to council next month. Fr. Kai offered to approach others to elicit involvement if we move forward.

Other:

Donna and a number of other council members will be absent June 23. There is a baptism. Donna and Sergio will contact several people to ask for help with church, coffee hour, and livestream.

Vice Chairperson Report (reported by Sergio Georgi)

- Sergio made some website changes and updated archives; he encouraged Zach and Reem to double check content for monthly reports
- Livestream going well. 170 subscribers now. But viewing on Sundays has dropped in recent weeks.
- Spoke with the person working on window repair in church hall, Fai. He may be able to resume repairs next week. If he cannot move forward in coming months, we can look for someone else.

Old Business

- Liturgy and picnic in park; social/dance – Nilda not present so no updates
 - Reem suggested we ask Nilda if she is still interested and willing to coordinate a liturgy/picnic in park and communicate via email re: a plan. If not, we can postpone.
- Social media – no specific updates, but accounts are now being managed
- Background checks – Christine sent email to Fr Mark today; Donna doesn't expect quick reply because of other priorities
- Archdiocesan Assembly Consecration/enthronement of new bishop in Boston Sept 15-17
 - Let Donna know if interested in going to Boston for meeting and consecration. Anyone is welcome and we have 5 hotel rooms.
 - Hope to extend an invitation for bishop to visit our parish after the consecration.

Next Parish Council monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, August 7 at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Reem Tarazi