

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**April 2, 2024**  
**Remote Zoom Meeting (recorded)**

**Roll Call**

**Parish Council Members Present:** Donna Dimitri, Christine Dardaris, 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 7:32 pm with prayer.**

**Secretary's Report (reported by Reem Tarazi)**

Reem presented the minutes from the March 2024 meeting. No discussion.

Zach moved to accept minutes as presented and seconded by Christine. Davit abstained. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report (reported by Zachary Smith)**

At end March 2024:

- Checking account up to ~\$56,000
- Investment account up to ~\$285,000
- 39 pledges so far: ~\$36,000 pledged, ~\$15,000 received
- 2024 Icon Auction – received a few more payments to ~\$11,000 in payments received
- Notable Income
  - Continue to do well with candles and collections
  - Pledges so far in 2024 are close to end March 2023
  - Another corporate donation received
  - Number of memorial donations
  - Icon auction bid payments
  - Donations for use of church
  - Women's Day Dance – almost \$6000 income in March, almost \$8000 total
- Notable Expenses
  - Candle order – there have been errors and problems with shipment and return, which are getting resolved
  - Bishop visit honoraria and expenses
  - Capital improvement – cost of first window + some
- In the black currently
- Bank and CC statement available for review

Reem moved to accept the report, seconded by Sergio. No discussion. Zach abstained. Motion passed.

### **Clergy report (reported by Fr. Kai)**

1. Performed one baptism.
2. Shared content from Bishop Nikodhim's letter re: reading Gospel in languages relevant to parish and using lay parishioners to assist as needed. Fr. Kai asked for feedback from council about his efforts to include Albanian into the liturgy because of negative feedback he has received from some individuals. Council fully supports efforts to include Albanian language and commended Fr. Kai for his efforts. Donna suggested we have people scheduled to read Gospel on select Sundays in Albanian if desired.
3. Fr. Kai would like to add a service with English/Albanian chanting with Vasili's participation, which he demonstrated last Sunday they have the potential to do.
4. Holy Week preparations summarized.
5. Donna thanked Fr. Kai for all his efforts and persistence and congratulated him on the parishioner involvement he has elicited.

### **Chairperson Report (reported by Donna Dimitri)**

1. Nine windows were ordered from Home Depot totaling \$22,072.00. Should be in toward the end of April. The contractor was advised and will be ready for the install. Working with Parish Council to decide on the window film.

#### ***Window Project Cost:***

- 1 sample Andersen window: \$2,861.27 includes roll of aluminum, nails
  - 9 Andersen windows: \$22,072.00
  - Installation 10 windows: \$14,500.00
  - Repair plaster around windows and above Bishop Throne: \$3,300.00
  - Window Film and installation: \$15,240.00 Includes 4 doors between the sanctuary and vestibule (candle stand)
  - Total cost: \$54,671.00.
2. Purchased mugs for the church store to sell. 72 mugs at a cost of \$264. The plan is to sell the mugs for \$10.00 each.

### **Vice-Chairperson Report (reported by Sergio Georgi)**

1. Reassured Fr. Kai about the accuracy of the Albanian he uses during liturgy and thanked him for his enthusiasm and efforts to include Albanian language.
2. Livestream – up to 215 subscribers; 9-11 people join live on Sundays and a handful on Wednesdays.
3. All website services renewed for a year
4. Will update Nick Naum scholarship information when available so everything can be completed and submitted online.

### **Old Business**

1. Women's day dance – successful event and fundraiser with >100 people! Thanks to all who contributed food, planning, technology, donations, kitchen crew, etc., including Donna, Sergio, and Nilda. Expenses <\$1000 so profit ~\$7000.
2. Pascha plans
  - a. Fr. Kai will prepare a letter
  - b. Finalized services and discussed start times. Donna and Fr. Kai will finalize and post in weekly messenger and online.

- c. Candles/cups ordered
- d. Donna suggested doing Produce Junction again for flowers
- e. Red dye for sale at candle stand
- f. Lazarus Saturday – Liturgy at 10:00am with a baptism; Fr. Kai will involve children

**Next Parish Council monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 7:30pm.**

**Semi-annual meeting rescheduled for June 2.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm with a closing prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Reem Tarazi