

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**July 15, 2024**  
**Remote Zoom Meeting (recorded)**

**Roll Call**

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

**Parish Council Members Absent:** Davit Jishkariani, Nilda Salavachi

**Clergy:** Fr. Kai

**Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Croke, Steve Coraluzzi

**Meeting opened at 7:35 pm with prayer.**

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

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

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

**Nick Naum scholarship update (presented by Reem Tarazi)**

We had 5 applications for the Nick Naum scholarship and all applicants were qualified and met criteria. Scholarships awarded to: Juliana Melnik, Elias Mondlak, Oliva Grabocka, Alex Dardaris, Greg Dardaris. Fund continues to do well.

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

At end June 2024:

- Checking account down to ~\$21,000 (reflects payments for window project)
- Investment account stable at ~\$280,700
- No new pledges, but we have received more \$ in pledge payments to ~28,000 received
- More icon pledges received to ~12,400.
- Notable Income
  - Candles and collections higher than usual
  - Pledges this time of year lower than usual
  - \$9450 donations for window project (total \$14650 in donations)
  - Couple donations for use of church
- Notable Expenses
  - Fee for inspection of boiler
  - Window project expenses (caulking and window film)
- In the red again this month (-26,0000)
- Bank and CC statements available for review

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

Donna asked whether council is interested in donating again to missionaries in Albania. There are currently 3 families. Reem made a motion to donate \$500 to each family, Christine seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Zach will make donations.

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

1. Bishop invited Fr. Kai to attend a conference in Chicago in October
2. Discussed experience at Sts. Peter and Paul celebration and the inclusion of other priests. Fr. Kai would like to invite other priests to our church for Vespers on 9/13/24, as a way to enhance connections.
3. Goal is to improve participation in existing services, especially with younger generation (e.g., chanting), but we need someone to lead this effort.
4. It's important to continue efforts to beautify the church building, as well as the services themselves, to attract people.
5. Fr. Kai informed council about information he would like to post on the website starting in the Fall.

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

1. Father Kai, Reem, Christine, Sergio, Linda C. and I have been working on the window film project. We have settled on the icons, crosses and border for the 10 windows. Now working on the Icons for the doors leading from the candle stand into the Church. The Icons will be of
  - Jesus Christ
  - The Theotokos
  - St. John Chrysostom
  - St. George

Proofs of the 10 widow icons and the 4 doors will be sent for review prior to manufacturing them. Once all is decided and approved, we will establish a date for installation.

We have received \$14,650 in donations for the widows so far.

2. Planning continues for the Archdiocesan Assembly which will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church, Friday & Saturday, Sept 20 & 21, 2024. Our delegates are Sergio Georgi, Linda Notskas and Anila Vero. Father Kai will attend and I will attend as the Archdiocesan Treasurer.
3. I contacted Andi Veliu, Builders Star Line <[buildersstarline@yahoo.com](mailto:buildersstarline@yahoo.com)> c. ph.# 267-916-2212 in reference to repairing the base for the sign in front of the church. They did work at Ss. Peter & Paul Church and come highly recommended. Andi will be by to check the sign and prepare an estimate for the repair.
4. We purchased 100 new name plaques from Crown Trophies for the new Memory Eternal board. Will get letters to write Memory Eternal across the top. The new board should be good for about 20 years.
5. Stone mason will come and take a look at damaged sign and give estimate
6. Will experiment with Read AI program and will use it to test minutes next month

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

1. 234 subscribers to livestream
2. Website updated
3. New providers no longer provide mailing list option, so Sergio and Donna tested Mail Chimp as a way to send messages to large group; test went well so will move forward with this method to send messages to all parishioners

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Next Parish Council monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, August 12 at 7:00pm.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm with a closing prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Reem Tarazi

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