

**Parish Council Meeting**

**February 5, 2025**

**Remote Zoom Meeting (recorded)**

**Roll Call**

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

**Parish Council Members Absent:** Davit Jishkariani

**Clergy:** none

**Auxiliary Members Present:** Linda Croke, Linda Notskas

**Secretary's Report (reported by Donna Dimitri)**

Donna presented minutes from the January 2025 meeting. No discussion.

Sergio moved to accept minutes as presented and seconded by Anila. Reem abstained. Motion passed.

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

Update to December 2024 treasurer report:

- Couple donations came in through mail after the new year
- Updated check register so 53,622 at end of year (excess income over expenses for the month)  
Reem made motion to accept revision, second by Sergio. No discussion. Zach abstained. Motion passed.

At end January 2025:

- Checking account up to ~\$62,000
- Investment account up to ~\$271,700; no transfer made yet
- Pledges reflect carryover from last year plus one new pledge
  - In contribution statements, Zach listed pledge for 2025 to reflect pledge from 2024
  - \$3300 in pledges received this month
- Icon Auction: \$18,350 in bids, \$12000 in payments thus far
- Notable Income
  - Slightly behind pledge monies received compared to this time last year but ahead with icon auction payments
  - Late Christmas donations
  - Generous window donations
- Notable Expenses
  - Salary reflects COL adjustment for Fr. Kai
  - \$1400 for substitute priest (Fr. Dennis)
- Bank and CC statements available for review

Zach did not yet make transfer from checking to investment account approved at last meeting. At this point, Zach suggested \$25,000 transfer; Sergio suggested \$30,000. Christine asked about fair share payments, which is \$1274 per month. No unanticipated major projects or expenditures expected. We expect some additional window donations. Council agreed on \$30,000 transfer.

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

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

None

**Vice-Chairperson Report (reported by Sergio Giorgi)**

1. Website updated with Women's Day information; not much activity yet
2. Obtained recording of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1981 (Louis Prifti) and put on server

**Old Business**

1. Soup-er Bowl Sunday
  - a. Just need soup!
  - b. Discussed safety with so many pots plugged in; people will bring extension cords and surge protectors
  - c. Donna will get ladles, rolls, and crackers
2. Bishop coming Feb 22 and 23
  - a. Train to/from Boston Friday-Sunday
  - b. Saturday liturgy at 10am
  - c. Saturday Vespers 5pm followed by dinner in church hall
  - d. Sunday liturgy 10am
3. Women's Day Dance March 8 at 6pm
  - a. Donna, Sergio, Anila, and Greta involved in planning

**New business:**

1. Semi-annual meeting
  - a. Scheduled for March 23
2. Great Lent begins March 3; Palm Sunday April 13; Pascha April 20
  - a. Will have Fr. Kai write letter
  - b. Steve will take care of palms and candles
  - c. Steve said he could help out with Lazarus Saturday, Donna will talk to Ilirjan
  - d. Decorate Epitaphios April 18

**Next Parish Council monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30pm.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with a closing prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Reem Tarazi