

**Christ the Savior Orthodox Church**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**[1/28/24]**

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. John at 10:30am.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- *Rector:* Archpriest John Parsells
- *Parish Members/Guests:* Fr. Joseph Oleynik, Matushka Emily Parsells, Justin DeArmitt, Margaret LoGerfo, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Elisabeth Parsells, Nissa Nancy Hall, Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones, Mirona Bendfeldt, Joanne Patrick, Roberta Dobronz, Beth Dunbar, Joe Dunbar, Ginny Borodulia, Cheryl Kokkinos, Pax Garcia, Ioana Davidson, Zach Davidson, Cami Milite, Rebecca Hill, Edward Hill, Daria Parsells, Marian Ridge, Taylor Applegarth, Elisha Immanuel, Tom Mathews, Georgianne Mathews, Pat McAlpin, Cecilia Wyant, Georgiana Wright, Stephen Parrish, Bill Parrish, Kathy Parrish, Adriene Slate, Carol Fravel, Anastasia Bakie, Brad Wright, Alex Ortiz, Joanne Bushman, Marius V. Ghemis, Florea Vlahovici, Lisa Wu, Andrew Wu, Robin Armstrong.

**AGENDA:**

- Nomination of Secretary
  - Review of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
  - Report of the Rector
  - Report of the Senior Warden
  - Report of the Junior Warden
  - Report of the Treasurer
  - Report of the Auditors
  - Other Reports
  - Proposed Financial Budget
  - Parish Council Membership Nominations
  - Old and New Business
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- **Nomination of Secretary**

**Motion** to accept Daria Parsells as Secretary: Beth Dunbar

**Second:** Joanne Bushman

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Review of Previous Minutes**

Fr. John invited the meeting participants to amend or approve the minutes of the 2023 meeting, which were previously posted on the parish website and distributed via email.

**Motion** to accept the minutes: Beth Dunbar

**Second:** Mirona Bendfeldt

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Report of the Rector**

Fr. John presented the rector's report and highlighted the following information:

- 1 Baptism, 0 Chrismations, 1 Marriage, 1 Marriage Blessing, 9 Catechumens, 1 Funeral in the year 2023
- Major Events as listed in Rector's Report
- Average attendance in 2010: 38
- Average attendance in 2023: 91
- Educational Opportunities in 2023 as listed in Rector's Report
- Project Illumination: Completed with blessing by Met. Tikhon on 3/5/23. In memory of Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak.
- Other completed projects include exit road paving and parking lot expansion in memory of Dn. Stephen Hall.
- 2023 stewardship: \$178,000, includes other offerings, for the poor etc.
- Many thanks were given to all those who "serve the Lord in so many capacities."
- Thanks given to the Milite family and Mione's Pizza for the luncheon provided.
- Fr. John noted that cooperation is needed to make things work and noted future projects as being outreach, evangelism, short and long term expansion as Christ the Savior parish is out growing its space.
- **Vision for 2023: Learning, Living and Loving Our Orthodox Christian Faith**

- **Report of the Senior Warden**

Justin DeArmitt presented the senior warden's report and highlighted the following information:

- Thanks was given to all listed in Sr. Warden's report
- Noted: "We are blessed to have a parish full of those with a willing and humble spirit who give their time, talents and resources so freely".
- There were no questions from the assembly.

- **Report of the Junior Warden**

Cheryl Kokkinos presented the junior warden's report and highlighted the following information:

- That thanks be given to God for the talents He has blessed us with.
- Many thanks were expressed for the work done and foresight shown by the prior Jr. Warden, Don Rowe for completed projects. (See Jr. Warden report for a full list of these projects)

- **Report of the Treasurer**

Barbara Kaloroumakis presented the treasurer's report with ensuing discussion centering on the following points:

- Profit/Loss Report
- Earmarked Expenses

- Thanks given to Barbara Kaloroumakis and past treasurers by Fr. John

**Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report: Joanne Bushman

**Second:** Marion Ridge

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Report of the Auditors**

M. Annice Oleynik and Joanne Bushman completed the 2023 parish audit and included as a hard copy in the meeting packet.

- All in order. See report for details of 2 minor concerns.

**Motion** to accept the auditors' report: Georgianne Matthews

**Second:** Zach Davidson

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Report of the Planning Commission**

Thomas Mathews presented the report of the Long-Term Planning Commission with ensuing discussion centering on the following points:

- Phase 1, preparing a master site plan to be submitted to Worcester County for approval, with the goal of building a new Church Temple was explained and discussed.
- Existing maintenance issues were also discussed.

**Motion** to move forward with Phase 1, preparing the master site plan: Gabriela Vlehovici-Jones

**Second:** Ginny Borodulia

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Proposed Financial Budget**

Fr. John directed the attention of the Parish Body to the proposed 2024 budget (included as a hard copy in the meeting packet). The ensuing discussion focused on the following points:

- The 2024 budget will be sent to Metropolitan Tikhon for his blessing.
- The proposed budget for 2024 has not been increased from the 2023 parish budget and includes a \$2,400 deficit.
- A 3.2% COLA is included re: Priest and Choir Director's salaries with a note being made that the choir director has taken over some duties Fr. John did in the past which decreases Fr. John's salary and increases the choir director's.

**Motion** to increase stewardship levels to balance the 2024 budget and to accept the budget with this change: Beth Dunbar

**Second:** Joanne Bushman

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Parish Council Nominations**

The following members were nominated for Parish Council membership: Anastasia Bakie, Cecelia Wyant, Georgiana Wright, Marian Ridge, Zach Davidson, Ioanna Davidson, Edward Hill

**Motion** to accept the nominations for Parish Council membership: Barbara Kaloroumakis

**Second:** Justin DeArmitt

**Vote:** All in favor

- **Old and New Business**

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:**

- Pool and parking lot safety was discussed with a motion being made to change the existing Church policy to allow for internal **and** external lifeguards with the Parish Council handling the administrative guidelines pertaining to this issue.

**Motion:** Kathy Parrish

**Second:** Ginny Borodulia

**Vote:** All in favor

- A volunteer is needed to be the parish liaison with the Archdiocesan of Washington's Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors with Barbara Kaloroumakis being nominated.

**Motion:** Beth Dunbar

**Second:** Nissa Nancy

**Vote:** All in favor

It was noted that the community needs to be responsible for all children. "Every adult is responsible for every child". Communal safety and safety recommendations will be prepared by the Parish Council.

**Motion:** Georgianne Matthews

**Second:** Barbara Kaloroumakis

**Vote:** All in favor

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting: Elisha Immanuel

**Second:** Cecilia Wyant

**Vote:** All in favor

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. John at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Parsells