
Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
Annual Meeting
2-2-2014

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. John at 11:20a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- *Rector:* Fr. John Parsells
- *Parish Council:* Kathy Parrish (senior warden), Roberta Dobronz (junior warden), Michael McFarland (treasurer), Andrew Hageman, Cheryl Kokkinos, Bill Parrish, Daria Parsells, Darrell Wilson
- *Parish Members:* Mat. Emily Parsells, Joanne Bushman, Katherine Cook, Michael Cook, Richard Evanusa, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Ellen Kaloroumakis, George Kaloroumakis, Fr. Christian Lesinsky, Dzmitry Lobach, Catherine Lupiwok, Camelia Milite, Connie Mitsopoulos, Constantine Mitsopoulos, Laurie Morsey, Joanne Patrick, Chad Stewart, Maria Stewart.

AGENDA:

1. Nomination of Secretary
2. Review of Previous Minutes
3. Rector's Report
4. Senior Warden's Report
5. Junior Warden's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Auditors' Report
8. 2014 Budget
9. 2014 Parish Council
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

1. Nomination of Secretary

Mat. Emily Parsells was nominated and confirmed by consensus as the secretary for the annual meeting. Attendance sheet for meeting was circulated.

Motion to nominate Mat. Emily Parsells as secretary for the 2014 Annual Meeting: Michael Cook

Second: Katherine Cook

Vote: All in favor

2. Review of Previous Annual Meeting Minutes

The parish reviewed the minutes of last year's annual meeting held on January 20, 2013.

Motion to accept the minutes: Darrell Wilson

Second: Bill Parrish

Vote: All in favor

3. Rector's Report

Fr. John distributed hard copies of the rector's report and all of the information was included in his written report.

Motion to accept the rector's report: Fr. Christian Lesinsky

Second: Darrell Wilson

Vote: All in favor

4. Senior Warden's Report

Kathy Parrish distributed hard copies of the senior warden's report and added a word of gratitude to Daria Parsells for her work with the choir. Fr. John echoed this and likewise thanked Joanne Patrick, our substitute choir director.

Motion to accept the senior warden's report: Laurie Morsey

Second: Joanne Patrick

Vote: All in favor

5. Junior Warden's Report

Roberta Dobronz distributed hard copies of the junior warden's report and shared personal words of appreciation.

Motion to accept the junior warden's report: Darrell Wilson

Second: George Kaloroumakis

Vote: All in favor

6. Treasurer's Report

Michael McFarland distributed hard copies of the treasurer's report which included:

- 2013 Profit/Loss Sheet
- Account Balance Sheet

A word of thanks was offered to Mike for taking over the job from Bruce Eckerd midway through 2013. Likewise, Bruce was commended for his good work at this post.

An explanation was offered as to why the profit/loss totals differ from the account balance sheet totals. The first reflects the QuickBooks data, which is inserted on the transaction date. The second reflects the bank statement data, which corresponds to the date on which the transactions cleared. The difference therefore is one of timing.

A question was raised as to where the money earmarked for the building fund is kept. It was explained that the savings account is used for this purpose.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: George Kaloroumakis

Second: Laurie Morsey

Vote: All in favor

7. Auditors' Report

Audits for the years 2011 and 2013 were submitted by Darrell Wilson and Olga Klymuk, and Robert Barbarita and Barbara Kaloroumakis, respectively. The 2011 audit was delayed due to a temporarily misplaced check register.

Motion to accept the 2011 and 2013 audits: George Kaloroumakis

Second: Andrew Hageman

Vote: All in favor

8. 2014 Budget

Explanation was offered regarding:

- the mission stipend from the diocese which will cease at the end of 2014;
- the mission's diocesan and national assessments which will resume on 7/1/2014.

Appreciation was expressed to the Archdiocese of Washington for the forgiveness of past due assessments.

Discussion was held regarding:

- the financial challenge which will face the mission in 2015 when the stipend from the diocese (approximately \$7000) has ended and assessments are required for the full calendar year (approximately \$5000);
- the rising cost of health insurance; a 45% increase was budgeted in 2014 and an increase is expected in 2015.
- the absence of a salary for the priest, which is slated to be addressed in 2015.

Motion to approve 2014 budget: George Kaloroumakis

Second: Darrell Wilson

Vote: All in favor

9. 2014 Parish Council

The requirements for parish council membership were read from the by-laws. Three additional members for the council are needed in order to have the desired ten members, which would provide for adequate numbers to count the weekly offering in a rotation.

Motion to request Met. Tikhon's blessing to temporarily relax, for this year only, the requirement in our by-laws which stipulates that a person must first be a member of the mission for one full previous year before being eligible to serve on the parish council: Mat. Emily Parsells

Second: Michael Cook

Vote: All in favor

After discussion, the following persons were nominated for the 2014 parish council: Andrew Hageman, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Ellen Kaloroumakis, George Kaloroumakis, Cheryl Kokkinos, Michael McFarland, Bill Parrish, Daria Parsells, Darrell Wilson, and Deborah Wilson

Motion to request that the above list be submitted to Met. Tikhon for approval: Mat. Emily Parsells

Second: Kathy Parrish

Vote: All in favor

10. Old Business

1. Safety: Joanne Patrick expressed her appreciation that safety signs were posted in the parking lot and pool areas, and that attention was appropriately given to this important subject.
2. Pay It Forward: Fr. Christian asked if a \$1000 donation we received from another parish, as part of a "pay-it-forward" initiative had already been dispersed to another church which could benefit from these funds, now that we no longer need them.

Motion to entrust the parish council with distributing this \$1000: Fr. Christian Lesinsky

Second: George Kaloroumakis

Vote: All in favor

3. Scrip Program: Discussion was held on the establishment, current status, and future of this fundraising program.

Motion to request that the parish council expedite the liquidation of the account, prepare a report showing monetary and inventory holdings, and, if so desired, reestablish the account according to the specifications stipulated in the by-laws for all church financial accounts: Kathy Parrish

Second: Barbara Kaloroumakis

Vote: All in favor

4. Greeters: Darrell Wilson, we oversees the greeters, gave a short update on this ministry, requesting that volunteers please see him should they wish to serve in this capacity.

11. New Business

1. Projects/Wish List: George Kaloroumakis asked if a list could be made available of upcoming projects and capital improvements in order to encourage donations and support for these endeavors.
2. Parish Library: Joanne Patrick asked if a library could be created. It was explained that a library is already in the works, however, the space which will house it – the “quiet room” – is currently being used as a work room until the walls and ceiling of the chapel are painted and the room is renovated to including the necessary furnishings.
3. Vestments: Fr. Christian emphasized the need to have altar server vestments on the “Project/Wish List”.
4. Spiritual Retreat: Ellen Kaloroumakis and others spoken in strong favor of moving ahead with the plans for a spiritual retreat to be held at the mission.
5. Adult Education: Joanne Bushman and Fr. Christian Lesinsky inquired about the Bible Study and Orthodoxy 101 classes, respectively. Discussion ensued as to possible ways to dovetail these educational opportunities with our efforts to share the Gospel with those outside the Church.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Bill Parrish

Second: Darrell Wilson

Vote: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. John at 1:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mat. Emily Parsells