
Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
Annual Meeting
1-25-2015

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. John at 11:05:a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- *Rector:* Fr. John Parsells
- *Parish Council:* Senior Warden: Cheryl Kokkinos; Junior Warden: George Kaloroumakis; Treasurer: Michael McFarland; Secretary: Deborah Wilson; Andrew Hageman, Ellen Kaloroumakis, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Bill Parrish, Daria Parsells, Darrell Wilson
- *Parish Members:* *Deacon Stephen Hall, Matushka Emily Parsells, Diaconissa Nancy Hall, Chad Stewart, Greg Parsells, Kathy Parrish, Catherine Lupiwok, Joanne Patrick, Constantine Mitsopoulos, Joanne Bushman*

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. Other Reports
9. 2015 Budget
10. 2015 Parish Council Nominations
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

1. Nomination of Secretary

Deborah Wilson was nominated and confirmed by consensus as the secretary for the annual meeting. An attendance sheet for meeting was circulated.

2. Review of Previous Annual Meeting Minutes

The parish members reviewed the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Darrell Wilson

Second: Barbara Kaloroumakis

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.

The report included metrics, major events of the year and a written report by Father John. Father John welcomed our new members, the children in our church, and Deacon Steven Hall and his wife Diaconissa Nancy. Father reported on the first spiritual retreat that was held at the church. We experienced an increased attendance at liturgy and fellowship events. Father expressed thanks for those who prepared Palm Sunday and Paschal meals and those who help on parish work days and in keeping the facilities clean. We have participated in the pay-it-forward initiative, by providing a check to Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission. The 30K loan has been repaid. Father also reported on the status of our diocesan and OCA assessments. The parish has installed a security system. Compliance with the policy, standards and procedures for the OCA on sexual misconduct has been met. Father also reported on the status of the chapel beautification projects. Father also reported on the crawl space project. Phase I has been completed, and the costs of the remaining phases will be discussed later in the meeting today.

Father offered thanks to the parish council members who are rotating off the council this year. Father also offered thanks to Matushka Emily. The rector's report concluded with Father's vision for 2015.

Joanne Patrick questioned the status of the maturity of the parish. Father stated that we are financially considered to be a full parish but since we do not provide a full stipend to the priest, we are not considered a fully mature parish yet, but still are somewhat at mission status.

Greg Parsells questioned the decrease in Bible studies. Father John clarified that attendance has been poor (3-5 people at most but usually less) at Bible studies. Father explained that he is spread thin and this does not seem to be the best way to offer education. He has therefore extended the sermon time to provide more teaching. Father would like to offer additional classes but the lack of interest and commitment to attendance has precluded the offering of courses at this time. Father suggested Patristic Nectar as a source of online study material.

Motion to accept the Rector's Report: Michael McFarland

Second: Bill Parrish

Vote: All in favor

4. Senior Warden's Report

Cheryl Kokkinos stated that we have met the obstacle of paying off our 30k loan ahead of schedule and also meeting the needs of the first phase of the crawl space repairs. She also discussed the spiritual retreat and the women's day out activities we have had this year. She also reported on the Diocesan meeting in November. She also expressed thanks to several individuals and groups. A written copy of her report has been provided.

Motion to accept the Senior Warden's Report: George Kaloroumakis

Second: Ellen Kaloroumakis

Vote: All in favor

5. Junior Warden's Report

George Kaloroumakis reported on the clean-up days this part year and the weekly clean-up schedule. He also thanked those who bring food to share for the fellowship meals. He shared the initiation of a recycling program. A written copy of the report has been provided.

Motion to accept the Junior Warden's Report: Michael McFarland

Second: Andrew Hageman

Vote: All in favor

6. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Michael McFarland, distributed hard copies of the treasurer's report and highlighted the following information:

- Profit and loss statements
- Account Balance Sheet

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Darrell Wilson

Second: Constantine Mitsopoulos

Vote: All in favor

7. Auditors' Report

The auditors' report was completed by Ellen Kaloroumakis and John Kokkinos, and is attached.

Motion to accept the 2014 auditors report: Deborah Wilson

Second: Daria Parsells

Vote: All in favor

8. Other Reports

Choir Director: Daria Parsells shared that the choir will be directed by a rotation of directors. She also reminded the parish that the choir does not replace the prayerful singing of the congregation, but serves to lead the people in prayer. Joanne Patrick shared her gratitude for the participation of the children in the parish in the choir.

Motion to accept the choir report: Cheryl Kokkinos

Second: Andrew Hageman

Vote: All in favor

Stewardship Report: Father John reported on the stewardship of the parish at the request of the Parish Council. Father reported on the assets and liabilities of the parish. He also reported on the status of the crawlspace project. The most notable changes this year are the termination of the mission stipend from the diocese and the first full year of paying assessments. Changes to the priest's compensation package were also mentioned. The Parish Council has requested that an Orthodox perspective on increasing our stewardship be shared with the congregation, which Father John did at this time. A chart was provided outlining how equal sacrifice by all the giving units could be made to help meet the deficit. A written copy of this report was also provided.

Motion to accept the stewardship report: Cheryl Kokkinos

Second: Michael McFarland

Vote: All in favor

9. 2015 Budget

The 2015 Budget was presented by Father John. This proposed budget A, B, and C have been prepared by the Parish Council and submitted to the membership for their approval. Father John pointed out that even if the priest's salary were completely eliminated, we would still have a deficit of over \$24,000 based on the termination of our mission stipend, the initiation of our paying full assessments, and the crawlspace project. The question was raised as to what would constitute a fully compensated priest. Father John responded that this is usually based on median income within the OCA for the area in which the parish is located. Father John shared the difficulty of trying to split his time between his personal business and the needs of the parish. Darrell Wilson shared historical perspectives on the parish budget. Several members of the parish voiced concern that if Father John was not here, with a business that supports his family, we would not with our current budget be able to attract and support a priest. The budget options of A, B, and C were presented to allow the congregation to see the adjustments that are needed to provide support of a priest. Kathy Parrish voiced her support for Budget C that would provide a priest's salary of 12k and her belief that the parish is capable of coming up with this additional amount. Concern was voiced that those not present at this meeting are not aware of the need for increased stewardship. Joanne Patrick questioned if the expenses for the crawlspace project could be recouped through insurance. The only recourse we have on the home inspection is to get our money back on the home inspection (approximately \$300).

Motion to vote only on options A, B, and C: Constantine Mitsopoulos

Second: Joanne Bushman

Vote: All in favor

Motion to adopted Option B of the proposed 2015 Budget: Nick Borodulia

Second: Michael McFarland

Vote: Carried with 1 abstention

George Kaloroumakis suggested that the parish be educated by speakers or meetings after services. Father John stated that this would be a parish council action.

10. 2015 Parish Council Nominations

The requirements for Parish Council Membership were included in the handouts.

Recommendations were taken from the floor for these parish council members who shall then be approved by His Beatitude. We need at least four more members for the council in order to have ten members, which would provide for adequate numbers to count offerings in a rotation.

Nominations included Kelly Hageman, Nick Borodulia, Constantine Mitsopoulos, Joanne Bushman, Nancy Hall, and Dmitry Lobach. We are noting that we are waiving the by-laws to nominate Nancy and Dmitry and are presenting this slate to the Metropolitan for his approval.

Motion to submit the above list to the Metropolitan for approval: Bill Parish

Second: Emily Parsells

Vote: All in favor

11. Old Business

Discussion of the Scrip account ensued, with the consensus being that the Parish Council continue its mandate to see the account closed.

Motion that we authorize the parish council to finalize the Scrip account: Deborah Wilson

Second: Michael McFarland

Vote: All in favor

12. News Business

A. Attendance at the All American Council

The mission is in need of lay delegate to accompany Fr. John to the All American Council in Atlanta during July. Father John reminded the body that others are able to attend as observers.

Motion that we nominate Mat. Emily Parsells to attend the All American Council as the lay delegate representing Christ the Savior: Nick Borodulia

Second: Kathy Parish

Vote: All in favor

B. Acquisition of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Kathy Parrish suggested having an AED for use by the parish. Nick Borodulia is going to see whether there is an option to get an AED through Ocean City EMS. Father John asked that the parish council proceed with implementation of the acquisition.

Motion that the parish council proceed with asking the parish council to implement the acquisition of a pediatric/adult AED: Kathy Parrish

Second: Joanne Bushman

Vote: All in favor

C. Other Items Discussed

- George Kaloroumakis asked people to consider volunteering for the 2015 financial audit/review.
- Nick Borodulia asked that the parish council look into ways of decreasing the noise caused by people going to and from the restroom during the liturgy.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: George Kaloroumakis

Second: Deborah Wilson

Vote: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. John at 1:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Wilson