

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
Annual Parish Meeting
1/29/23

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

- *Rector:* Fr. John Parsells
- *Parish Members/Guests:* Fr. Joseph Oleynik, Justin DeArmitt, Margaret LoGerfo, Don Rowe, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Matushka Annice Oleynik, Elisabeth Parsells, Nissa Nancy Hall, Mark Christensen, Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones, Mirona Bendfeldt, Ludmila Yevsukov, Joanne Patrick, Bobbie Dobronz, Beth Dunbar, Joe Dunbar, Ginny Borodulia, Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia, Anne Rowe, Cheryl Kokkinos, Pax Garcia, Robert (Vaughn) Windsor, Ramona Sterca, Ioana Davidson, Cami Milite, Rebecca Hill, Edward Hill, Daria Parsells, Marian Ridge, Laurie Morsey, Taylor Applegarth, Elisha Immanuel, Tom Mathews, Georgianne Mathews, David McAlpin, Pat McAlpin, Matushka Emily Parsells, Rachael Howard, Monica Ciccanti, Alexis Oleynik DeArmitt, Cecilia Wyant, Georgiana Wright, Anya Klmitchev, Kateri Morton, Stephen Parrish, Adriene Slate, Carol Fravel, Anastasia Bakie.

AGENDA:

- Nomination of Secretary
- Review of Previous Minutes
- Report of the Rector
- Report of the Senior Warden
- Report of the Junior Warden
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Auditors
- Report of the Planning Commission
- Proposed Financial Budget
- Parish Council Membership Nominations
- Old and New Business

Nomination of Secretary

In the absence of any nominations, Daria Parsells offered to take the minutes.

Motion to accept Daria Parsells as Secretary: Nissa Nancy Hall

Second: Barbara Kaloroumakis

Vote: All in favor

Review of Previous Minutes

Fr. John invited the meeting participants to amend or approve the minutes of the 2022 meeting, which were previously posted on the parish website and distributed via email.

Motion to accept the minutes: Nissa Nancy Hall

Second: Marian Ridge

Vote: All in favor

Report of the Rector

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

- 6 Baptisms, 4 Catechumens, 1 Marriage Blessing in the year 2022
- Major Events as listed in Rector's Report
- Average attendance in 2010: 38
- Average attendance in 2022: 90
- 175+ Educational Opportunities in 2022
- 100+ Fellowship Opportunities in 2022
- Project Illumination: Completion date anticipated to be April or May 2023. In memory of Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak
- All-American Council: Attended by Fr. John and Andrew and Kelly Hageman
- Assembly of the Archdiocese of Washington: Attended on Zoom by Fr. John and Anne Rowe
- Retreat: "Arise O God": Organized by Rdr. George with 70 people in attendance
- Stewardship: Over \$40,000 unexpected but necessary maintenance expenses
- 2022 Stewardship: \$125,000 (2012 Stewardship: \$60,000)
- 2022 Charity + Capital Improvements: \$30,000
- 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
- Vision for 2023: Learn, Live and Love Orthodox 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.
- Fr. John thanked Justin for his good work as senior warden as well as for going above and beyond, using his professional talents to assist in maintenance and capital improvement projects.

Report of the Junior Warden

Donald Rowe presented the junior warden's report and highlighted the following information:

- Many projects were done by Fr. John, M. Emily, Justin DeArmitt, Joe Dunbar and other parishioners.
- There were many unforeseen costs, but "the Council was never frivolous in spending money".
- Research was done regarding paving the exit road and the project was given the go-ahead for asphaltting because it is an existing private road. This project is being done in the memory of Dn. Stephen Hall.
- Fr. John and the parishioners expressed many thanks for the excellent work done and foresight shown by the Jr. Warden for current and future projects. (See Jr. Warden report for a full list of these projects)

Report of the Treasurer

Barbara Kaloroumakis presented the treasurer's report. The ensuing discussion centered on the following points:

- Profit/Loss Report and Extraordinary/Earmarked Expenses

- A question was asked regarding how our assessment is calculated. It was explained that we no longer are assessed individually but instead the OCA and our diocese have created algorithms used to determine parish assessments based upon a number of factors, including: unrestricted/restricted income, whether or not there is a mortgage, and other factors.
- It was noted that Christ the Savior's assessment decreased this year.
- It was noted that the Parish Council will determine what to do with the surplus funds from the parking lot maintenance project.
- Fr. John expressed sincere thanks to Barbara Kaloroumakis, Rachael Howard and past treasurers for their dedicated work in keeping the parish books in such good order.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Matushka Annice Oleynik

Second: Joanne Patrick

Vote: All in favor

Report of the Auditors

Cecelia Wyant and Mirona Bendfeldt presented the auditors' report and included it as a hard copy in the packet.

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

Motion to accept the auditors' report: Marian Ridge

Second: Joe Dunbar

Vote: All in favor

Report of the Planning Commission

Donald Rowe and Thomas Mathews presented the report of the Long-Term Planning Commission (included as a hard copy in the meeting packet).

- Information was obtained from various Churches re: building a Church.
- A wetlands survey needs to be done prior to any building considerations.
- A project management/communications system was established using BaseCamp.
- The commission's work was necessarily delayed this year due to high priority maintenance projects.

Proposed Financial Budget

Fr. John directed the attention of the Parish Body to the proposed 2023 budget (included as a hard copy in the meeting packet). The ensuing discussion focused on the following points:

- The 2023 budget went through multiple iterations at the parish council level, and upon revision/acceptance at the annual meeting, will be sent to Metropolitan Tikhon for his blessing.
- The book "Money and Salvation: An Invitation to the Good Way", presented as part of our parish Reading Group, was discussed and all were invited to read and study this book, especially members of the parish council.
- A question was posed "where can I see what our church is doing for the community?" It was explained that information regarding charitable income and expenditures can be found in "Other Income" and "Other Expense" areas of the Profit/Loss in the treasurer's report.
- Discussion ensued regarding the budget presented showing a deficit. It was noted that this is the case every year due to rising cost of expenses and because each year the parish council opts not to increase the stewardship line item, leaving this question to the annual meeting, so that the parishioners could decide together whether or not to increase their offerings to balance the budget.

Motion to increase stewardship levels to balance the 2023 budget: Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones

Second: Tom Mathews

Vote: All in favor

Parish Council Nominations

The following members were nominated for Parish Council membership: Mirona Bendfeldt, Cheryl Kokkinos, Vera Yevsukov.

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: Two questions were asked regarding procedures for council minutes and counting. Both will be discussed at a parish council meeting.
- Thanks was also given to Elisabeth Parsells for the excellent work she does with providing the live stream services.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Don Rowe

Second: Georgianne Mathews

Vote: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. John at 12:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Parsells