
Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
[July 24, 2022]

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. John at approximately noon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- *Rector: Fr. John Parsells*
- *Parish Council: Ginny Borodulia, Joanne Bushman, Justin DeArmitt, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Georgianne Mathews, Tom Mathews,*
- *Pat McAlpin, Marian Ridge, Anne Rowe, Don Rowe*
- *Parish Members: Bobbie Dobronz, Vera Yevsukov, Ellen Kaloroumakis, George Kaloroumakis*

AGENDA:

1. Review of Previous Minutes
2. Rector's Report
3. Wardens' Reports
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Other Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Parish Council Meeting

1. Review of Previous Minutes

The parish council members reviewed the minutes of the Feb 27 meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes: Don

Second: Justin

Vote: All in favor

2. Rector's Report

Fr. John distributed hard copies of the rector's report and presented the following information, not covered in his written report:

- A portrait of Fr. Daniel was commissioned, completed and is now being shipped. Tentative date for presentation to the parish is August 7.

There was a lengthy adhoc discussion lead by Don about the Long Term Planning Committee which met in March. Highlights of this discussion are:

- Status/information regarding wetland delineation. Church property has already been staked out but only for the septic reserve area so the rest of the property needs delineation. Next step is to reach out to the County - Tom reached out but County never responded so another contact needs to be made. Spencer Rowe, our wetland delineation contractor will be retiring so we will need to choose a replacement. Spencer will give us names of people to work with for future delineation needs.
- Don has created a website to keep track of updates and milestones, etc and shared with long term planning committee members.
- Additional comments/questions from council members summarized below:
 - Ginny: will we expand the existing church in the interim to meet growing attendance needs?
 - Joanne: will new church have pews or be open for standing?
 - Marian: how long will delineation be good for? (answer: unless we change something or laws change, should last indefinitely, as long as we stay under 5000 sq feet)
 - Ginny: how do we measure membership? Per Fr. John, our counts are an estimate due to seasonal attendance factor but based currently on year-round contributors. Georgianne suggested a survey of attendees but Fr. John pointed out that our by-laws do define a member. Suggestions also included requiring completion of a member form and introducing pledges for contributors.
 - Fr. John suggested that much of the above discussion will be addressed by the Long Term Planning committee so further discussion deferred for now.

3. Wardens' Reports

The Senior Warden's (Justin's) written report provided details about recent roof repairs needed. Justin and Fr. John completed those repairs which resulted in very significant savings for the church (see written report for details). Fr John suggested a "thank you" monetary gift to Justin since he is in the construction business and gave up several days to do the church work at no charge. Justin left so that the Council could discuss freely. There was unanimous opinion that Justin deserved financial compensation, but concerns were raised by Don about a possible conflict of interest and possible perception of favoritism given Justin's position as Sr. Warden. Anne suggested that Justin simply submit an invoice for his time and be paid from the budget. Fr. John proposed that it be a gift of thanks, but Don and others preferred that it be in the form of a payment for service provided. At this point, Justin returned to the meeting and stated that it was his intent to give of his time as a gift to the church, and that he would prefer not to receive financial remuneration. Ginny made a motion that Council offer thanks for Justin's professionalism, and sacrificial service to CTS and that Council will defer to Fr. John's discretion regarding how that thanks will be extended. Anne seconded and all approved.

The Junior Warden's (Don's) written report provided details regarding Maintenance projects updates (see details in written report submitted to Council). Concerning the specific Culvert erosion on ROW task, it was decided that the work will be done on a DIY basis on a Saturday by CTS volunteers. Don's report also addressed issues related to repair or replacement of the rectory cooktop. After much research, his recommendation is to replace the cooktop rather than attempt

to repair. Although, this option will entail a higher cost now of \$7000.00, it will be the most economical option in the long term. The Council discussed and agreed. Anne moved for acceptance of this recommendation, Joanne seconded and all approved the expenditure of the Cooktop and downdraft of \$7,000.

4. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer distributed the written treasurer's report for Council review but, due to time constraints, discussion was deferred until the next Council meeting.

Motion to accept the date Treasurer's Report: **n/a**

Second:

Vote: All in favor

5. Other Reports

The Outreach Report will be discussed at the next meeting as Beth Dunbar was unable to attend this meeting.

6. Old Business

No old business beyond items detailed above.

7. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

8. Next Parish Council Meeting

September/October timeframe was proposed for the next Parish Council meeting. Fr. John will send out an email with proposed date.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Justin

Second: Tom

Vote: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. John at [time].

Respectfully submitted,

Georgianne Mathews for Secretary, Margaret LoGerfo, who was unable to attend