

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
1st Quarter Parish Council Meeting
February 27, 2022

Fr. John opened the meeting with prayer at 11:30.

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Rector: Fr. John Parsells

*Council: Ginny Borodulia, Joanne Bushman, Justin DeArmitt, Beth Dunbar, Joe Dunbar, Chad Fortin, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Margaret LoGerfo, Georgianne Mathews, Tom Mathews, Pat McAlpin, Marian Ridge, Anne Rowe, Don Rowe

*Also attending: Nancy Hall

Fr. John requested the Council **Motion to accept the 4th Quarter Minutes**. Chad moved to accept the minutes, second by Ginny, all approved.

Fr. John requested the Council approve the OCA's Policy, Standards, and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct. Beth inquired as to whether all Council members require background checks annually and Fr. John said he would clarify but believed that only new Council members require a background check [In fact, is only required that council members be checked against the National Sex Offender Registry]. **Motion to accept OCA policies** proposed by Beth, second by Pat, all approved.

Fr. John reviewed the agenda, including Council terms of service, Project Illumination, and the Metrics.

There were no Senior Warden and Treasurer reports as these offices are currently vacant.

Don, our Junior Warden, reviewed some of the key projects facing us in 2022. The LED lights have been installed in the Church, Hall, and Rectory. The Parish has agreed to move forward with the repair of the parking lot. Don requested the Council consider a motion to begin fundraising for this project; specifically, an initial goal of \$15K to cover the least expensive quote. Don added that Reader George has suggest another vendor for us to consider. Georgianne and Ginny stressed the importance of taking into consideration the responsiveness as well as cost of all vendors under consideration. Don assured the Council that all vendors are carefully screened for reliability, quality, as well as overall value. The bidding process remains open at this time. **Motion to Create a Parking Lot Fundraising Campaign** was proposed by Ginny, second by Tom, all approved. Joanne inquired if this fundraising initiative would be restricted to the parking lot. Father confirmed this and suggested a leader be chosen for this Fundraising campaign who could offer weekly progress reports after Liturgy.

Don also mentioned he is in contact with roofing companies to schedule repairs of damaged tiles and prevent leakage. Georgianne observed we have clean-up and painting work ahead of us and Don agreed volunteers will be needed for the spray painting and also for our Parish clean-up day.

Fr. John requested we next consider the election of a new Senior Warden and Treasurer, both of whom serve one year terms. On our Parish website Council terms and duties are further described in our bylaws. Father reviewed the duties of Senior Warden including access to premises via key code, signatory on checks, membership on all committees, development of agendas, and possible acting as meeting chair with the blessing of the Rector. Most importantly, the Senior Warden should maintain unity and peace within our Parish. With regard to the Treasurer, also a signer on checks, he or she maintains the accuracy and integrity of financial records, and posts updates on our Quickbooks software.

There were three nominations for Senior Warden: Pat McAlpin, Tom Mathews, and Justin DeArmitt. Although bylaws specify the position should be filled by a member of the Parish Council with one year

Council experience, Father suggested His Beatitude would agree to an exception to this rule. There were two nominations for Treasurer: Barbara Kaloroumakis, Georgianne Mathews.

A secret ballot was held for the selection of the two open officer positions. Nancy Hall tallied the results and **Justin DeArmitt was elected Senior Warden and Barbara Kaloroumakis was elected Treasurer.** Father pointed out we should have an adequate number of counters for a five-week rotation although Justin and Barbara will not be included in the rotation. A new list will be generated and posted in the classroom. If anyone on the Council has a strong objection to serving as a counter or foresee an ongoing problem serving in a particular rotation, they should meet with Fr. John.

Fr. John presented an update on some of our renovations. Paint colors are under review and two mosaics have been completed. Mirona, will be taking some time off to visit Romania and we are considering ways to move forward on our projects while mosaic work is temporarily on hold. Landscaping and ground lighting will be part of the final phase of Project Illumination.

The LTTC (Long Term Planning Committee) is looking to hear from volunteers who have expertise or strongly support our goal of planning, fundraising, and constructing a new Temple. A call to volunteer will be presented at the end of an upcoming Liturgy. Some attendees stepped forward today to volunteer: Ginny, Justin, Beth, Chad, Nancy, Tom, Pat, Marian, Anne, Don.

During a recent Council meeting it was proposed that Council Meetings be held bi-monthly rather than quarterly due to the high number of events and projects ahead of us. Father John observed special Council meetings are called when issues arise resulting in 5 to 7 meetings each year. After discussion a **Motion to keep the Quarterly Council Meeting schedule** was made by Joanne, second by Ginny, and approved. The Council agreed Fr. John would review our Church schedule and set future meeting dates accordingly rather than proposing specific dates at this time.

Pat referred to past Council discussions on the posting of Council Minutes on our Parish website to better communicate our progress on various projects. Currently the draft minutes are first reviewed by Fr. John and the Council. This change would permit the Minutes to be posted on our website in Draft form within one week of Council review. Pat made a **Motion to Approve the Website Posting of Council Minutes**, second by Joanne, all approved.

Barbara inquired about the status of the exit road repair and Fr. John observed we require coordination with the municipality for paving. Joe pointed out the potholes will likely continue to shift and persist without more substantial solutions. Joe and Don in conjunction with the LTTC will discuss next steps for solving this issue.

Georgianne asked about the posting of the counting schedule and how it is assembled. The Senior Warden and Treasurer, both signers on checks, are not permitted to count the collection and spouses do not count together. A new rotation schedule will be posted due to changes in Council membership.

With new business completed, Father called for a motion to adjourn. **Joanne made a motion to adjourn, second by Anne, all approved.**

Fr. John closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Juliana