

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
March 12th, 2023

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. John at 11:50 am.

In Attendance:

- Rector: Fr. John Parsells.
- Council: Justin DeArmitt, Cheryl Kokkinos, Mirona Bendfeldt, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Joanne Bushman, Ginny Borodulia, Beth Dunbar, Joe Dunbar, Marian Ridge, Anne Rowe, Don Rowe, Vera Yevsukov. Virtual Attendees: Tom Mathews, Georgianne Mathews.
- Also attending: Nancy Hall, Margaret LoGerfo, Daria Parsells.
- Pat and David McAlpin unable to attend secondary to illness.

Agenda:

- Nomination of Junior Warden and Secretary
- Review of Previous Minutes
- Report of the Rector
- Report of the Former Junior Warden
- Report of the Treasurer
- Old and New Business

Nomination of Junior Warden and Secretary

Father John began the meeting with the first order of business being the election and appointing of members to the following open positions: Junior Warden and Secretary. Cheryl Kokkinos and Tom Mathews were nominated for the Junior Warden position. Georgianne Mathews volunteered to occupy Secretary position. Vera Yevsukov was nominated for Secretary position. A silent vote was cast by council members (who were physically present) in favor of Cheryl Kokkinos to Junior Warden and Vera Yevsukov to Secretary.

Review of Previous Minutes

Fr. John invited the meeting participants to amend or approve the minutes of the previous meeting (held on Zoom), which were taken by Margaret, distributed via email.

Motion to accept the minutes: Don Rowe

Second: Joe Dunbar

Vote: All in favor

Report of the Rector

Fr. John presented the rector's report (see handout)

Policies, Standards, and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct Form was discussed; it has been signed and accepted by all parish council members today.

Motion to accept and adopt the Policies, Standards, and Procedures of the Orthodox Church in America on Sexual Misconduct: Beth Dunbar

Second: Justin DeArmitt

Vote: All in favor

Report of the Former Junior Warden

Former Junior Warden Don Rowe discussed the expanded driveway paving project. The paving is to begin March 20th and to end on March 22nd. This project is fully funded by Nancy Hall and the Deacon Steve Hall Memorial Fund. Father John thanked Nissa Nancy for her great generosity in supporting this project. The Parish Council and the entire Church are deeply grateful for these improvements benefitting everyone who worships and visits Christ the Savior.

Report of the Treasurer

- See donation sheet and handout. Barbara and Father John briefly discussed the additional unexpected cost for the mosaic transported from Belarus secondary to unexpected custom fees. This cost has been covered by the project donor.
- Barbara noted that there is a surplus in the amount of \$1,805.60 associated with the driveway paving project. A discussion ensued regarding the potential application of this surplus; it was decided that the funds would be allocated to paying off the HVAC deficit cost in full. The remaining monies will be used to contribute to Project Illumination. There was a consensus among council members regarding this distribution of funds.

Motion to accept allocation of surplus: Justin DeArmitt

Second: Mirona Bendfeldt

Vote: All in favor

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Joanne Bushman

Second: Justin DeArmitt

Vote: All in favor

Old and New Business

- No old business.
- Barbara asked Father how often the by-laws were updated; Father stated that they have been updated within the past couple of years and are currently up to date.
- Ginny brought up the importance and gravity of the oath that was taken by all parish council members today following the Divine Liturgy. She expressed the concern that the council should strive for cohesion and should be open to addressing any unresolved issues. Father John emphasized the importance of involving more people in discussions of issues within our church community to foster transparency and inclusion. Some discussion ensued regarding a number of people leaving the church. Father John

addressed this expressed viewpoint by stating that 2 families received his blessing to attend other Orthodox churches due to logistical and personal reasons. He also emphasized the importance of discussing any personal concerns regarding the church community with him, and that he is always open for communication.

- Father John mentioned that quarterly council meetings will now be scheduled closer to the date of meeting. Prior to this, the council meeting dates were preset for the whole year. There was a consensus that scheduling closer would allow for better attendance.
- Anne Rowe addressed that copies of the new counting schedules will be printed/emailed and distributed.
- Barbara stated that she will train all council members on counting procedures.

Joanne Bushman moved for adjournment, Justin DeArmitt second, approved. The meeting closed with a prayer at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Yevsukov, Secretary