

St. George Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
November 14, 2021 • 12:30pm

Attendees: Fr. Joel Gillam, Kerry San Chirico, Matthew Gordon, Faris Ibrahim, Alex Ibrahim, Joe Nasife, Cynthia Long, Tony Nasr, Caroline Becker

Absent: Gus Haddad, Lucy Ibrahim, Ed Donahue, Damon Henry, Gary Sarkessian

1. Call to order and prayer

- a. 12:26 pm Fr Joel opened in prayer

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Alex motioned to accept minutes as submitted and Faris seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

3. Pastor's Report (Fr. Joel Gillam)

- a. Leach family will become catechumens, likely next week
- b. Angela Pagano (Greg & Jeanine Pagano's daughter) will be married this coming Saturday in the church
- c. Nominating Committee and Annual Meeting update
 - i. Fr Joel confirmed the nominating committee has been set (Faris, Alex, Kerry & Caroline) & potential pc members are being asked about whether or not they are open to being nominated
 - ii. The date for the annual meeting needs to be set
 - iii. We reviewed the list of current PC members who are set to roll off at the end of this year. This would be year 4 of service since everyone added 1 extra year at the end of 2020 due to covid adjustments
 - 1. Faris, Tony & Caroline are set to roll off at end of 2021
 - 2. Damon & Hassan were 1 yr appts in 2020, so set to end 2021
 - 3. Joe & Gary are set to roll off at end of 2022

4. Chairman's Report (Faris Ibrahim)

- a. Reiteration of the work of the nom comm & confirmation of his rolling off of PC next year

5. Treasurer's Report (Tony Nasr)

- a. Treasurer's report
 - i. Oct gross 11,180; payables 15,223
 - ii. 1 maintenance 2220= parking lot seal coating
 - iii. 2 landscaping bills 1080 (Aug & Sept)
 - iv. \$3,823 charitable donations made (\$1123 to archdiocese for IDA hurricane relief ½ dozen various donations to AFR, etc.)
 - v. YTD 1,700-1,800 behind for the year ; we should be able to break even by the end of the year

- vi. Fund balances: Operating fund 21,623; special funds are still maintaining at 106,222: building 58,838; icon: 12,790; AV camp: 450; teen SOYO: 2,558; emergency: 31,231
- vii. We have cash flowed all maintenance costs; none of the building fun has been touched yet
- viii. We are at a good place for starting 2022
- ix. Tony will plan to bring operating fund back up to 30K at the end of the year, possibly pulling from building fun
- x. Kerry nom to accept the report, Joe seconded
- b. Budget report: currently 4% above; 53% above for charity; maintenance
 - i. Expense side: 6.1% above budget

6. Committee Reports

- a. Hospitality Team (Ed Donahue- absent)
 - i. Still recruiting new faces as greeters, some have started already
- b. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long)
 - i. No report
- c. Maintenance Committee (Gary Sarkessian- absent, Alex gae report)
 - i. Masonry work was done last week, PC members to inspect the work after the meeting
 - ii. Cedar lane house has work to do, but lighting and heat are inside
 - iii. Committee will tour inside the space after the meeting
 - iv. Front door update (Tony)
 - 1. Looked at samples of doors, prices ranging 19,900-27,000
 - 2. Powder coated aluminum doors with wood paint finish and foam core
 - 3. Discussed door situation and what we ultimately wanted to do
 - 4. Joe motioned to say in principle we go for the more simple and long lasting path for the door; Kerry seconded it
 - 5. Amended motion upon further discussion: maximum price cap for new doors is \$20,000
 - 6. By acclamation we are accepting the motion that we will look for new aluminum doors for no more than \$20K.
 - 7. Fr has a contact & Joe has a contact as well
- d. Sunday School (Caroline Becker)
 - i. Updated the curriculum to include all 12 great feasts for the remainder of the church year (vs ½ year)
- e. Choir (Matt Gordon)
 - i. Dec 11 church clean up and Christmas caroling & arts and crafts; likely vespers at 4pm and event following vespers
 - ii. New Choir rule that is now being enforced, per Matt already approved by Fr Joel: people who do not attend practice are not to participate in choir during liturgy, including any previous youth or adult casual participants

- iii. If Matt is not in attendance as choir director, Anastasia is to fill in; if Anastasia is not there, Karen Burke is to preside. Attending rehearsals Tu at 7 can also be done by zoom with prior arrangement
 - 1. Announcement will be put in the bulletin to let the general populous know of this new policy
 - iv. New choir member: Emma Thieke
 - f. Icon (Caroline Becker)
 - i. Committee working on a proposal/vision statement in support of the project that can be presented to PC and then the parish at large
 - g. Adult Christian Education (Kerry San Chirico)
 - i. *Remember the days of Old* (reading the fathers, what we do with it in the modern word) Kerry starting a book study with that text for 7 weeks starting in January 5th @ 7pm→ need to include this in future church newsletter, on church website & in narthex window box. Currently the event is already posted on church Google Calendar.
 - ii. Would like to finish before Lent with a retreat
 - iii. Also would like to continue with second book St Gregory of Nyssa on the Life of Moses for a second mini series
 - h. Teen SOYO (Alex Ibrahim)
 - i. First bowling event 10/29 was a success
 - ii. Next event will be making make-your-own fasting pizza bar w Teens and talk about Nativity Fast occurring next Sunday after liturgy 11/20 until 2pm.
- 7. **Old Business** - none
- 8. **New Business**
 - a. Cynthia noticed there were no skinny candle in the narthex; she took initiative to find them and put some out
 - i. Fr said normally Khamis refills them, but he's visiting his family out of the country
 - ii. We need to have a sign in the narthex so that greeters know where the spare things, like replacement candles behind the screen are so they can be refilled by greeters on duty. Hospitality team should also consider outlining all duties of greeters clearly so that this and other narthex organizational matters can be taken care of in a uniform manner
- 9. **General business and remarks** - none
- 10. **Adjourn**
 - a. Kerry moved to adjourn, Alex seconded at 1:30 closed in prayer.