

St. George Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
May 8, 2022 • 12:30pm
Agenda

- I. Call to order and prayer
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Pastor's Report (Fr. Joel Gillam)
- IV. Chairman's Report (Alex Ibrahim)
- V. Treasurer's Report (Tony Nasr)
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Hospitality Team (Ed Donahue)
 - i. We have more greeters but are still willing to accept help from anyone interested.
 - ii. I am considering making the last Sunday of every month, "Potluck Sunday". This will encourage all the people of St George to help contribute to coffee hour. I'd like to see a spirit of coffee hour as a time we gather together to "feed each other" rather than just "being fed by a select few". I'm open to discussion on this and opinions are welcome.
 - iii. Moving forward, I'd recommend having an "Upcoming Events" line item on the P.C Agenda. We don't have to discuss an upcoming event at length, but I want to ensure that everyone on the council is aware of when and what we are doing. There have been some issues in the past where we had a retreat, picnic, or other event and not everyone on the council was aware of it. Or became aware only at the last minute. I believe this will help Ministry better coordinate with the council and community as a whole.
 - B. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long)
 - i. \$1080 was raised at the Palm Sunday Bake Sale; it will be allocated as follows:
 - 1. \$250 for the AWE Annual 2021-2022 dues
 - 2. \$250 toward the AWE "Building a Cathedral" Project
 - 3. \$500 donation to the Icon Fund
 - 4. \$80 deposited to bank
 - ii. The AWE/SKW Book Club will be held Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. at the church. Please bring a small dish to share. The book is Mary As The Early Christians Knew Her by Frederica Mathewes-Green.
 - iii. The Parish Life Conference will be held June 29 – July 3. The AWE Women's Luncheon is on Thursday, June 30th. Cost: \$40. A possible carpool daytrip was discussed.
 - C. Maintenance Committee (Gary Sarkessian)
 - i. Held successful Parish Clean Up Day. Thank you for all who helped.

- ii. Dehumidifiers installed in Annex. Existing air-conditioners turned on. Room in basement has extensive ceiling damage. Found a sleeping bag in basement.
 - iii. Men's toilet is "running" in church building. Joe Solomon's son is replacing. Water bill is up because of that.
 - D. Sunday School (Caroline Becker)
 - i. will be finishing lessons this month and celebrating the end of a full Sunday school year in June
 - ii. great participation in Holy Week services and vigil by many children, many expressing an eagerness to be in church for the services
 - iii. still no superintendent; numbers of children continues to grow
 - E. Choir (Matt Gordon)
 - i. Holy Week went fairly well, books need some work as issues were discovered
 - ii. Working on helping solidify the roles different members of the choir play, specifically making sure we make the most out of the expertise of Karen and Anastasia
 - F. Icon (Caroline Becker)
 - i. didn't have a committee meeting for the last 2 months; will have one later this month
 - ii. working on a proposal for PC regarding icon phased plan and permissions for carrying out the plan
 - iii. would like an update regarding the damaged St James & St Patrick icons from prior roof leak (insurance claim? self treat?)
 - G. Adult Christian Education (Kerry San Chirico)
 - i. Spring Bible study started
 - H. Teen SOYO (Alex Ibrahim)
 - i. May 21, teen SOYO outing at the Phillies game immediately after church
 - ii. Had 6 teens show up for the Good Friday vigil. Hope to make it an annual event.
 - iii. Sent \$500 donation from day of service to IOCC for Ukraine.
 - I. Long Term Planning (Marcia Ibrahim)
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. General business and remarks
- X. Adjourn