

St. George Orthodox Church

Parish Council Meeting

JUNE 9, 2024 - 12:30 pm

Agenda

I. Call to order and prayer

II. Approval of May 2024 Minutes – (May 2024 minutes attached separately.)

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

IV. Chairman's Report (Alex Ibrahim) – Chairman absent; no report.

V. Treasurer's Report (Tony Nasr) –

- Treasurer Remarks: No monthly insurance premiums paid.
- April 2024 Corrected Treasurer Report attached separately.
- May 2024 Treasurer Report attached separately.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Adult Education (Kerry San Chirico)

Successful completion of Spring retreat on June 1 with nearly 30 participants. Thanks to the many parish council members who attended. We can still do better!

b. Capital Campaign Committee (Caitlin Gordon)

1. Secured new parish management software in April. We are working to customize it now and will be importing our data and running training for ministry leads this summer on how to use it for communication and planning. This new system will also support our fundraising efforts for the capital campaign.
2. We've begun outreach to other area parishes who have run large capital campaigns to set up meetings to discuss lessons learned and to better lay the groundwork for our own campaign.
3. We are also working on the campaign case statement, which will be used for grant applications and major donor approaches.

c. Choir (Karen Burke)

Sunday and Tuesday rehearsals resume this month on a very limited schedule as we prepare for Holy Ascension, Pentecost and a couple of new choral arrangements of sacred hymns.

d. Icon Committee (Caroline Becker) – absent; no report.

e. Long-Term Planning (Joseph Solomon) (absent; report submitted in advance)

- The LTP goal is to make a decision on parking and Sunday School (i.e. Annex, Rectory etc.) at our June 30 meeting.
- Inquiring if Fr Joel has any update on the neighbor behind him (re: property).

f. Maintenance Committee (Michael Solomon) – No report.

g. Ministry Team (Justine Leach/Roxi Harne)

- Ministry Team: Nothing new to report.
- Young Families Report (Matthew Gordon):
 1. We are continuing to hold Family Vespers for June and July. We will take a break in August.
 2. We learned after this Lent, rather than switching to weekday services, it makes more sense to continue Family Vespers.
 3. We are prayerfully considering what additional type of activity would be good to add to next year. Some ideas discussed have been some type of book study, a retreat, or monthly park meet-ups.

h. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long)

- SKW voted to fund 50% of Cynthia Long's attendance costs to PLC.
- Fall 2024: Sight & Sound Theatre Trip ("Daniel" on Sat. Nov. 9; \$99 Adult & \$42 child)

i. Stewardship Committee (Jerome Burke)

- Nothing new to report.

j. Sunday School (Caroline Becker) – absent; no report.

k. Teen SOYO (Alex Ibrahim)

- Annual Teen SOYO Phillies game will be on June 19th.

VII. Old Business

- Picking date for August Annual Planning Meeting (tabled until July meeting)

VIII. New Business

IX. General Business Remarks

Comments from Office Administrator (Cynthia Long)

- Readers and Greeters for July 14
- Readers and Greeters for August 11
- Calendar Planning request for 2024-2025 dates by August 1.
- Bulletin on 7/21 (Secretary and Pastor out of town): need someone to print the bulletin
- Vacation: July 20 – August 1; Caitlin Gordon will prepare bulletins for 7/21, 7/28 & 8/4

X. Preview of Upcoming Month

- JUNE:
 - This Wed., 6/12: Orthros & Liturgy for Ascension; 6 p.m.
 - Wed. 6/19 afternoon: SOYO Phillies game
 - Sat. 6/22: Sunday School Pool Party at Sarkessian's; 1 – 6 p.m.
 - Sun. 6/23: Pentecost; Kneeling Vespers 12 noon
 - Thurs. 6/ 27 – Sun. 6/30: Parish Life Conference

- JULY:
 - 7/13 – 7/26: Fr. Joel at AV Camp
 - Sat. 7/13: Lasnser baptism; 10:30 a.m. & Family Vespers / Readers Vespers 4:30 p.m.
 - **Sunday, July 14: Parish Council Meeting**
 - Office Admin away 7/20 – 8/1
 - Mon. 7/22: LTP 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

XI. Adjourn