

St. George Orthodox Church

Parish Council Meeting

September 2024 - 12:30 pm

Agenda

I. Call to order and prayer

II. Approval of Minutes

- August 2024 minutes – (Attached separately.)

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

IV. Chairman’s Report (Alex Ibrahim)

- Annual Church Picnic at Ridley Creek State Park; Pavilion 11-B: please sign-up for what to bring.
- Directory Updates—Please update/verify your info for the Church Directory (and encourage your friends and family to do the same.) Ages needed for Archdiocese Census Report. Etc.
- Please welcome visitors and invite them to coffee hour.

V. Treasurer’s Report (Tony Nasr)

- July Treasurer’s Report minutes – (Attached separately.)
- August Treasurer Report minutes – (Attached separately.)

VI. Committee Reports

a. Adult Education (Kerry San Chirico) – No report.

b. Capital Campaign Committee (Caitlin Gordon) – No report.

c. Choir (Karen Burke)

- Choir members had a wonderful end of summer gathering....fellowship, food and fun was had by all! Many Thanks to our hosts Gary & Monique S!!
- September Rehearsals began on 9/1, the Indiction, Blessed New Year+
- We will continue to hold rehearsals on alternating Sundays after Divine Liturgy and Tuesdays evenings. Check the church calendar for specific days and times.
- Anastasia’s Chanting Workshops:

Lesson 05	TONE 1	Vespers Part 01	Saturday, September 21, 2024
Lesson 06	TONE 1	Vespers Part 02	Saturday, September 28, 2024
Lesson 07	TONE 1	Vespers Part 03	Saturday, October 12, 2024
Lesson 08	TONE 1	Vespers Part 04	Saturday, October 19, 2024

d. Icon Committee (Caroline Becker)

- Kerry is in charge of getting the new icons hung on the walls and is working on it.

e. Long-Term Planning (Joseph Solomon)— No updates.

f. Maintenance Committee (Michael Solomon)

- I (Michael) have secured a donor who is willing to proceed with funding the electrical system upgrade from 200amp to 320amp service, unless there are any major objections, then we can get the electrician in ASAP to do so.
- I (Michael) am looking into ways that we can block off (at least) the front stairwell on West Chester Pike. Lots of trash accumulates there every week, including used needles.

g. Ministry Team (Justine Leach/Roxi Harne) – No Report—but sign-up for the picnic potluck (CL)

h. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long)

- Sight & Sound Theatre Trip (“Daniel” on Sat. Nov. 9; \$84.55 Adult & \$42.09 child)—must reserve ticket by Sept. 22.

i. Stewardship Committee (Jerome Burke) – No updates.

j. Sunday School (Caroline Becker)

- Registration has been ongoing via google form. Will integrate SS & SOYO records with new Church Tracks system this year (including attendance tracking). Must be registered to attend.
- SS starts today, Sept. 15. Luke-Acts is the theme this year from the Archdiocese.
- 4 classes:
 - (ages 4- Gr. 1)- Kaitlyn I, Holly V. & Lucy I. in library
 - Gr. 2-3 with Caroline & Stefan/Abby on stage
 - Gr. 4-6 with Michael & Peter Solomon in upstairs meeting room
 - Gr. 7th-12th with Gary & Sheri & help from Stefan/Abby in rectory
- We will be following the Archdiocesan plan for getting all SS, SOYO teachers and other leaders (staff, PC, etc) to get official background checks via Archdiocese protocols; Office Admin. Cynthia in charge of the process.
- Discussion: Caroline requests help figuring out how to cordon off the stage from little people during coffee hour. It isn't safe, they mess up the classroom space & are unsupervised. Ideas for simple, safe and easy to maintain options?

k. Teen SOYO (Emma Ibrahim)

- First meeting (August) was to assemble the backpacks.
- Holding our second meeting today (at the same time as the Parish Council); we will try to avoid this in the future.
- We will then have a family potluck on October 5th after Vespers to kick off the year, meet the parents, learn what the teens want to do this year, etc. We plan to have one coffee hour meeting per month and one special event per month (maybe combined with vespers, tbd).

VII. Old Business

- Website Updates
 - Office Admin. is working with Alex Harne & Fr. Joel
 - Office needs info/updates from (please):
 - Kerry: Adult Ed.
 - Roxi & Justine: Hospitality Team / Ministry Team

- Caroline: Icon Committee & Sunday School
- Michael: Maintenance Committee
- Cynthia: SKW
- Christiana, Emma & Jacqui --Teen SOYO

VIII. New Business

IX. General Business Remarks (Cynthia Long)

- Need Epistle Reader for 9/22

X. Preview of Upcoming Month:

- Sunday 9/22: LTP & SKW
- **Sunday 9/29: Parish Picnic**
- Thursday, 10/3 YFM online Book Club & 12 Baskets Ministry
- Saturday 10/6: SOYO Potluck
- Sunday, 10/6: SKW
- Monday 10/7: Maintenance Meeting (?)
- *FYI: Sat. 10/12: St. Philip (Souderton) Retreat*
- Saturday 10/12: Family Vespers & Potluck
- **Sunday 10/13: P.C. Meeting & Teen SOYO?**
- Monday 10/14: FSMB
- Wednesday 10/16: Stewardship Meeting
- Thursday, 10/24 YFM online Book Club
- **Saturday 10/26: Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off**
- Sunday 10/27: Potluck Coffee Hour
- Monday 10/28: LTP

XI. Adjourn