

St. George Orthodox Church

Parish Council Meeting

March 10, 2024 - 12:30 pm

Agenda

I. Call to order and prayer

II. Approval of Minutes –January 2024 minutes are attached separately.

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

IV. Chairman’s Report (Alex Ibrahim)

- Justine Leach/Roxi Harne are now co-chairs of the Ministry Team. Welcome!
- Formed a capital campaign committee, which Caitlin Gordon has agreed to co-chair. Other members of this committee are Joe Solomon the Younger and Emma Ibrahim.

V. Treasurer’s Report (Tony Nasr) – November 2023 Treasurer Report attached separately.

Treasurer Remarks:

- Building Capital Fund
 - Transfer TO 2023 OPEX surplus \$23,531.19
 - Donations \$100
- Icon Fund
 - Donations \$4,250
 - Payments \$7,625
- "Souperbowl" IOCC Collection
 - \$105
- Township and County Taxes received and paid (March)
 - \$1,604.76

VI. Committee Reports

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

b. Choir (Karen Burke)

- Nothing new to report.

c. Icon Committee (Caroline Becker)

- 4 new large panel icons were officially commissioned & a 1/2 deposit in the amount of \$ 7,625.00 (excluding S&H) was sent to Nick Papas.
- Working on securing all pledged funds from donors into the account and preparing for next phase of icons to be commissioned.

d. Long-Term Planning (Joseph Solomon)

Will present the parish survey output in detail

- Cliff notes: Parking lot, Sunday school, Great Hall restoration and accessibility ended up all very close in terms of their importance.

- Accessibility and parking are most viewed as "extremely important"
- The East Wall Icon was highly regarded as well, but a bit more polarizing. Many people find it extremely important, while many also rate it medium (3/5)
- The upstairs bathroom was a distant afterthought
- Other things parishioners brought up: maintain green space as possible, insulate windows upstairs (maintenance?), narthex facelift, buy surrounding properties, make Chapel useful, outdoor lighting/security

Otherwise, we are working through plans for parking and Sunday school in our meetings. Gus is helping us with formal engineering plans. Hopefully by March or April, we can bring plans to Parish Council to begin moving forward with Township approval and planning.

e. Maintenance Committee (Gary Sarkessian) – No report.

f. Ministry Team (Justine Leach/Roxi Harne) – No Report

g. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long)

SKW Spring 2024 Events

- March is “Antiochian Women Month” – Women serving as Greeters and Readers
 - Need female Greeters for March 31 –please email Cynthia
(office@saintgeorgeupperdarby.org)
- Saturday, March 9: “Pearl of Great Price” Book Club ~11 a.m. after Saturday of Souls Liturgy
- Sat., April 13: Baking Prep Day #1; 10 a.m. Prepare for Bake Sale
- Saturday, April 20; 10 a.m.: Baking Prep Day Rain Date
- Sunday, April 28: Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- Friday, May 3; 11 a.m.: Preparing the Bier (Epitaphion)
- Saturday, May 18; 9:30 a.m. Women’s Breakfast at the Radnor Hotel with the Women of Holy Ascension Church (\$25)
- Sunday, June 2: RSVP Sight & Sound Theatre Trip (“Daniel” on Sat. Nov. 9; \$99 Adult & \$42 child)

h. Stewardship Committee (Jerome Burke)

- “Souper Bowl” event successfully launched as an annual event in February
- augmented donations to Upper Darby Food Bank
- \$100.05 raised for IOCC

i. Sunday School (Caroline Becker)

- Lessons continuing as planned.
- Classes currently working on Creative Arts Festival submissions in March.

- Need to recruit new lead teacher for youngest class for next year and additional teacher for upper elementary class.

j. Teen SOYO (Alex Ibrahim)

- Teen SOYO 12 baskets even was very successful, we had 7 participants
- Hopefully you all enjoyed the meatfare luncheon

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. General Business Remarks

X. Adjourn