

St. George Orthodox Church

Parish Council Meeting

March 12, 2023 – 12:30 pm

Agenda

- I. Call to order and prayer
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Pastor's Report (Fr. Joel Gillam)
 - a. Lenten Mission Vespers Sunday, March 26th
 - b. Utility Switch
 - c. Proposal by Roxie Harne to create space in the Hall for infants/toddlers to play
 - d. Order St. George icons for catechumen families/groups
 - e. "Thank yous"
- IV. Chairman's Report (Alex Ibrahim)
 - a. Thank you to Marcia Ibrahim for her leadership in constituting the LTP committee and getting it off the ground. Her contributions are much appreciated. I will be appointing Joseph Solomon (the Younger) to head the committee going forward.
 - b. Please remember to email me your committees' membership list so I can assemble a global excel document with the membership of all of the committees.
 - c. Had a very successful Zoom meeting with Ed Donahue's brother, Will, a CPA in D.C. Based on that call, we believe that setting up a 501(c)(3) is in the Church's best interest, as it requires minimal paperwork for religious institutions and does not require regular filings and a number of other protections exist to afford special status to religious institutions.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Tony Nasr) **not in attendance**
 - a. \$1,850 collected and sent to Archdiocese for Turkey Syria Earthquake Relief thru Feb.
 - b. An additional \$350 collected and mailed thus far for March.
 - c. Upper Darby Township Sewer (\$260 x 3 parcels = \$780) and Real Estate Taxes (\$828.75) paid
 - d. Cash Seminarians collection mixed with general cash collection plate last Sunday 3/5, total \$497
 - e. No way to differentiate., minimum Archdiocese Appeal for parish is \$250.
 - f. Proposal: send ½ cash collection \$250 + any checks/paypal donations specifically ear marked for Seminarians.
 - g. Online Giving ~28.6% YTD of total receivables
 - h. 2 monthly reoccurring subscription donations (automatic)
 - i. \$1000 gift offered to Bishop Thomas during visit, per 2023 budget.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Teen SOYO (Alex Ibrahim)
 - i. The Annual Meatfare Luncheon was very successful (as measured by how much joy the Teens had in serving and the Parish had in being served). As an added bonus, we raised \$700. Half of that will go to charity and the other half to the Teen SOYO account.

- ii. We will be doing a Day of Service, likely at Caring for Friends in North Philadelphia, where we went last year.
- b. Stewardship Committee (Jerome Berke)
 - i. Trying to recruit 2 or 3 members of the parish to be on the committee- preferably not already serving on parish council
 - ii. Will plan to have a sponsored luncheon - perhaps later this year to Stewardship awareness -no donations requested at that Tim
- c. St. Katherine Women (Cynthia Long) **not in attendance**
 - i. The Women are participating in Antiochian Women Month (March) by serving as Greeters and Epistle Readers.

Date	Greeters	Epistle (English)	Arabic Epistle
March 5	Caroline & Hosanna Becker	Sheri or Lucy San Chirico	Rita Haddad
March 12	* T.B.D. (unassigned)	Anastasia N.	T.B.D. / Rita
March 19	Caitlin & Lexi Gordon	T.B.D.	T.B.D. / Rita
March 26	Mary Nasr & Hayat	Mary Nasr	T.B.D. / Rita

- ii. Please help us show hospitality to Dcn. Joseph & Rebecca upon the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, by bringing meals. View the Meal Train at <https://mealtrain.com/9vvrrl>
- d. Maintenance Committee (Gary Sarkessian)
 - i. Parish “clean-up” day is Scheduled for Saturday, March 18.
 - ii. Issue with heat in the church. Condensate pumps are not turning on. Issue will be addressed when the new HVACs are installed.
 - iii. Farris said not to expect any more HVAC quotes, just to go ahead with the quote we have.
 - iv. We got a new quote from A&B HVAC for replacing units 1 and 2. Will review and have a recommendation.
 - v. Here is a list of “major” things to do on Clean Up Day
 1. Church Sign needs new bulbs, “glass” (plastic) cleaned, and timer reset. (Joe Solomon and sons)
 2. Church hall blue double door (most used) needs top latched secured/fixed. It is the “static” door that has the problem.
 3. Men’s room toilet flushing sign is still needed (duplicate one in the lady’s room)
 4. HVAC filter (3&4) will be replaced
 5. Horrible smell sometimes coming up from floor of the hall (vent near bar). Will check Youtube to see what to do
 6. Put new outside lights over the entrance to narthex and possibly over the hall entrance doors.
 - vi. Will have a cost estimate for repair to outside steps near Annex by spring “thaw.”
 - vii. Have appointment to get broken kitchen freezer taken out. Need to get out first.

- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. General Business Remarks
- X. Adjourn