

## Parish Council Minutes December 11, 2022

Present Father Joel Gillam, Tony Nasr, Gary Sarkessian, Ed Donahue, Alex Ibrahim, Maricia Ibrahim, Joe Solomon, Karen Burke, Kerry San Chirico

I Opening prayer and call to order 12:59

II. Approval of minutes from November 2022- Fr Joel- second Gary S. -unanimous approval

III. Pastor's report -

A. Fr Joel – special convention will be held in Dallas on January 12 and 13. To elect 3 nominees for consideration by the Holy Synod to appoint a new Metropolitan for North America. Twelve candidates have submitted their biographies for review. Qualifications include age under 65, fluency in Arabic, and having served in the Archdiocese. Fr. Joel will attend and have a vote. Each parish can send at least one representative ( based on size for the parish ) to the convention or vote by proxy.

B. Fr Joel provided Pastoral care for a hospice patient and the patient's Orthodox family made a donation to Fr Joel for use as he sees fit - allocation of donation addressed in new business.

IV. Chairman's Report ( Alex Ibrahim )

–attached bullets provided

- Letter from the Stewardship Committee to the Parish early in the new year reviewing general principles and financial status in anticipation for the annual meeting forthcoming later in January. Discussion ensued with respect to coordination with Stewardship and the Long Range Planning Committees and presentation of priorities and goals for the Parish.

V. Treasurer's Report ( Tony Nasr )

–attached report provided

- In addition \$ 2000 donation for the icon fund will be reflected in December financials
- Will ascertain whether additional filing requirements with the IRS will be needed with a new brokerage account - will be easier to receive special donations and stocks.
- Outstanding balance to the Archdiocese of \$2400 from last year will be reconciled by the the end of the month

VI. Committee Reports

A. Hospitality Team ( Ed Donahue )--attached report provided

-Suggested that Sunday cleanup teams be formed with - Teens first Sunday, Gary's team, 3rd Sunday, Kerry's team 4th Sunday - need to find a team for the second Sunday of the month

-Ed planning to step down from his position of chair Hospitality as of March when he and Carla are expecting- looking for a successor

B. . St. Katherine's Women - Cynthia Long

- See attached

C. Maintenance Committee ( Gary S )

- See attached
- Joe Solomon's HVAC contact Anthony was still interested in doing the job to replace HVAC units 1 and 2 for approximately \$ 21,000. Fr Joel may have contact to get component parts for the HVAC system at wholesale prices but that might incur added labor costs that are unanticipated
- Final decision on how to proceed rests with the Maintenance Committee as money needed for the project has already been approved by the Parish Council previously.
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D. Sunday School - report from Caroline Becker -plan for Sunday School to host coffee hour and do a brief Christmas Carol program on Sunday December 18

E. Choir Report - Karen Burke - choir with ongoing preparations for Nativity Services

F. Icon Report –Recent \$ 2000 donation added to fund to make total \$ 16,000

- Nick Papas ( Iconographer ) has begun the work on our project

G. Adult Christian Education Kerry SC- –Genesis sessions have been completed -plan to begin review of the Life of St Moses as interpreted by St Gregory - first meeting will be January 18 at the Church Hall

F. Teen SOYO- Alex I – Alex and Kate are hosting a Secret Santa and Christmas Cookie exchange on Friday December 16.

I . Long Term Planning - Marcia I - see attached

Next meeting will be in person – “ Vision for St George 2030 “ - meeting date Sunday January 18, 2023

Old Business

New Business

- Father proposed \$ 2500 donation -given to him for hospice care be allocated as follow-
- \$2000,00 for the Building Fund and \$ 500 for the Charity Fund - Approved by Acclamation
- Formation of Nominating Committee - those seeking reelection to the board can not be on the committee - Alex has appointed Kerry S , Jerome B and himself to serve. Function is to recruit new candidates/ members for PC
- Notice of Annual Meeting -plan to send out letter and to the parish with respect to Stewardship and Financials in advance of the Annual Parish Meeting on January 22, 2023
- Ed D - raised question if we need to fill complement of 15 positions on PC in such a small parish– ( 50 to 60 families )

Closing Prayer - Fr Joel and Adjournment 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jerome Burke -