

St. George Othodox Church Parish Council Meeting  
November 13, 2022

Present - Father Joel Gillam, Alexander Ibrahim, Gary Sarkessian, Tony Nasr, Maricia Ibrahim, Gus Haddad, Lucy Ibrahim, Karen Burke, Kerry San Chirico, Jerome Burke, Joe Solomon ( phone )

1. Call to order 1 pm and opening prayer - Father Joel

2. Approval of PC minutes September and October -Motion Fr Joel - unanimous consent

3. Pastor's report - Fr. Joel - Delegation met with Metropolitan Antonius with respect to nominations for a new Metropolitan in North America - Three nominations will be made in keeping with the Archdiocese Constitution - special session slated for January 12 and 13 2023 in Dallas Texas

-Fr Joel submitted roster of Parish Council Officers and members along with terms and vacancies - - see appendix

4. Chairman's report - Alex I. ( attach notes from Agenda )

-ideas on Stewardship – review of meaning and mission – consideration for a monthly newsletter outlining stewardship - committee formation in preliminary stage at this point and recruitment of members, and suggestion of reaching out to other parishes and missions for guidance

-Congratulations to Lucy Ibrahim - 2022 Chilli Cook Off Champion

5. Treasurer's Report – Tony N

Reviewed AR and Accounts Payable for October and Account Balances - September and October reports are available online

Last Month Accounts Receivable \$18,064– Accounts Payable \$13,002 - Closing Balance \$ 47,905

-pledges donations to Orthodox Charities paid

-Fraudulent Activity on checking account -stolen “ washed “ check which was mailed for Fr Dennis -was quickly discovered – fraud was for 7000 dollars -Account was closed and a new account opened ( details covered in Tony's Memo )

6 Budget Report – Gary S - accounts all reconciled - to September details available online Only only variance is related to high energy costs - positive net balance of 2000 dollars as of September

7. Committee Reports -

A.Hospitality Ed D - report provided - attach

B St. Katherine Women Cynthia L- report provided - attach

C Maintenance Committee Gary S.- report attached – further discussion with respect to HVAC system for air conditioning and replacement - concrete step on Cedar Lane near Annex cracked and needs repair - and will be addressed

D. Sunday School -Caroline B - attach

E. Choir Karen B- attach

F Icon - Caroline B -attach –waiting for quote from Nick Pappas - Fr Joel outlined placement of the new Icons and technical aspects -

G Adult Christian Education - attach – Bible Study on Genesis with Fr Joel on Wednesdays ongoing until the end of the year -

F Teen Soyo Alex I attach

G. Long Term Planning - Maricia I - attach

#### Old Business

1. Church Software System -Previously reviewed systems that provide resource management and and database - parishoner names and addresses, birthdates, repose dates along with accounting capability given growing size of parish and budget - Fr and Kaitlyn Gordon to decide which system to recommend in the near future - costs are very reasonable ( estimated at 300 dollars per year )

#### New Business

1 Discussion to expand office adjacent to the altar to for Sunday School use added classroom -need for space at a critical point

-pros and cons reviewed -costs, energy requirements -access for Priest and Deacon vestments, Priests files – phone location, noise near altar and how to square short and long term goals -use of annex, rectory, Pastor’s housing allowance and capital campaign to finance – all important items for review for the Long Term Planning Committee

Motion 1 :Marcia I - “ That office adjacent to the Altar be converted to a space to be utilized as a Sunday School classroom “- seconded by Gary S. -Vote Yes - 8 - No 1 - abstain -1- motioned adopted

Motion 2 : Gary S “ Pending final evaluation and potential bids to address problems with 2 HVAC units by the early new year - up to 25,000 dollars to be allocated for replacement of these units “ - Vote - Yes 10 No Zero

Motion to Adjourn 2:15 pm - approved by all - closing prayer by Fr. Joel

Respectfully submitted

Jerome Burke

