

Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
February 16, 2013
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The following Council members were present: Fr. John Cox, Ben Andrus, Kris Carlson, Maya Crank, Michelle Grastos, Jim Kalemba and Karl Rusnak.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Selection of Officers
 - a. The Council selected the following officers for 2014.
 - i. Warden – Karl Rusnak
 - ii. Secretary – Jim Kalemba
 - iii. Treasurer – Kris Carlson
3. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the January 19, 2014 Parish Council Meeting were approved as revised.
4. Financial Report
 - a. Key points from the January report.
 - i. Receipts for January were below plan.
 - ii. For future financial reports, the budget through the current month will be included.
 - b. The January Financial Report was accepted with revision as discussed.
5. Father John's Report
 - a. The local Orthodox priests want to start increasing the level of interaction among the parishes.
 - i. The first planned event will be the Sunday of Orthodoxy which will be held at Annunciation Cathedral.
 - ii. More inter parish activities will be planned for 2014.
 - b. Fr. John will be attending an OCF event March 8-15 and then a youth retreat in Greenville, SC from April 4-7.
 - c. After much discussion, it was decided that Fr. John would conduct some form of mid-lent retreat instead of bringing in a guest speaker to conduct the session.
 - d. Fans and Cross
 - i. The work on the 3 items is coming to completion.
 - ii. Items should arrive before Pascha.
 - e. Gospel Cover
 - i. Work on the new gospel cover has not started yet.
 - f. Nicene Creed (sing or read)
 - i. Fr. John discussed this topic with Chancellor and Dean. Their recommendation was for the parish to continue singing the prayer.
 - g. The lecture on Alaskan saints planned for the weekend of The Cross has been rescheduled for June.

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6. Growth & Development
 - a. New Facility Activity
 - i. Diocese is increasing their support for growing parishes and will support the right opportunity up to \$1M.
 - ii. Virginia Beach property zoning rules for a church is 3 acres.
 - iii. Fr. John is working with professionals in the local real estate community to try and find properties before they are listed in the MLS for the general public.
 - b. Building Committee
 - i. In order to reduce the responsibility of the Church Council to look for new properties, a building committee was created.
 - ii. The Council decided the following parishioners would be asked to be part of this committee:
 1. Mark Mills
 2. Dave Drillock
 3. Fr. John
 4. Karl Rusnak (as warden, he must be on all committees)
 - iii. A status report will be provided to the Council at each monthly meeting.
7. Religious Education
 - a. Church School
 - i. A meeting was held with parents on February 9.
 - ii. There is a preference among parents to start church school after Holy Communion.
 - iii. Elizabeth Sanders will be teaching the 3rd and 4th grade students.
 - iv. The details for the younger and high-school-age students still need to be determined.
8. Old Business
 - a. Frame epitaphia of the Virgin Mary
 - i. Activity has been placed on hold until 2014.
 - b. Providing Church Council Meeting Minutes to Parishioners
 - i. This process will be started this year starting with the February Meeting minutes.

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9. New Business
 - a. Choir Support for Weekday Liturgies
 - i. Not all weekday liturgies have choir support.
 - ii. Currently, only David can conduct choir/provide responses.
 - iii. Is there anything else the Council can do to have choir support when David is not available; some form of committed resources?
 - iv. Topic to be discussed further.
 - b. A suggestion was made to Fr. John to conduct a lecture series on the 12 major feasts of the church.

10. Next Council Meeting
 - a. Scheduled for Sunday, 3/16/14.

11. Closing Prayer / Adjournment