

Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
May 18, 2014  
Revision A

The following Council members were present: Fr. John Cox, Kris Carlson, Karl Rusnak, Adale Martin, Michelle Grastos, Ben Andrus.

1. Opening Prayer
  - a. Christ is Risen From the Dead
2. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes accepted as corrected. (M/S/A)
3. Financial Report
  - a. Apr Report
    - i. Shortfall based on last year
    - ii. Shortfall based on this year's budget
    - iii. Short ~\$5,800 in unrestricted receipts
    - iv. Giving for operating funds is down; giving to special projects is steady
    - v. Corrected Priest's salary; need to check/correct gas payment.
  - b. Financial Report accepted as corrected (M/S/A)
4. Father John's Report
  - a. Why do we need a new building?
    - i. Our current facility is safe
    - ii. A new facility gets people out of our comfort zone; we are like Israel at the Red Sea, and return to Egypt is always a possibility.
  - b. Father John plans to begin handing off various functions so church members can take ownership.
    - i. Web Site
    - ii. Church School
    - iii. Choir (regular rehearsals)
    - iv. Children's Outings
    - v. Dormition Festal Function
5. Growth & Development

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- a. Father has a sense that people are waiting for something to happen with a new building.
- b. The diocese has loaned out money for other building projects, and we are now in a 60/40 arrangement. The diocese may be able to help with a down payment up to \$100K.
- c. The vision is to grow the church to around 250 members, and start two other missions in the area, and to start a couple ministries in the area.
  - i. Rent a storefront in a poor area providing services.
  - ii. Bring on an assistant to mentor, then send them out to serve the missions
  - iii. Have a building that will allow us to host AA, etc.
- d. How do we grow the parish?
  - i. Growth through families leaving other Orthodox churches is a bad thing
  - ii. Parish grows through new converts. Converts are created through relationships. They need to feel loved, valued, and to invest themselves in the community.
- e. Goals have to be repeated
  - i. Worship should be beautiful (not badly sung and badly served)
  - ii. Congregations must not be self-referential. We should not spend money on ourselves, but on others.
  - iii. We need to serve in areas where there is an unmet need.
  - iv. Uganda missionaries coming this summer
- 6. Religious Education
  - a. NA
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Church Records – still need to have a central location (cloud storage?)
- 8. New Business
  - a. NA
- 9. Next Council Meeting

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- a. 8 June 2014
10. Closing Prayer / Adjournment
- a. It is Truly Meet