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

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. July Parish Council minutes accepted as submitted.
- 3. Financial Report
 - a. Key Points:
 - i. Current deficit is approximately \$7,000 (~\$1,000 per month for the first 7 months of 2014)
 - ii. Karl to look at historical details for gas to see previous spending trends.
 - iii. The parish matched the \$5,000 donation challenge. Original donation and matching funds to be deposited into Building Fund.
 - iv. Fr. John to see if the OCA has a policy for handling large donations.
 - v. Fr. John to send letter of thanks to his grandfather for \$5,000 donation.
 - vi. The financial report was accepted as submitted.
 - b. Financial Summary Presentation to Parish
 - i. Karl developed a few slides summarizing the financial status of the parish accounts for the first 7 months of 2014.
 - ii. Fr. John to send to slides to parish with the weekly update and also announce the discussion that will take place after liturgy on Sunday, 8/31/14.
- 4. Father John's Report
 - a. OCF kickoff is scheduled for 10/4. Meetings will he held every Thursday.
 - b. Per direction from the OCA, all teachers and those in direct contact with children will need to have a Level 1 background check.
 - i. No timeframe has been specified for when this needs to be performed but needs to be completed relatively soon.
 - c. Parish Picnic
 - i. Very successful event based on feedback from parishioners.

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- d. Chancellor has asked Fr. John to plan the Winter Youth Retreat (high school and college age students) to be held during the 2015 Christmas break.
- 5. Growth & Development
 - a. Discussed city owned property on Ocean View. Also discussed properties on Meadowbrook and Azuela.
- 6. Religious Education
 - a. Adult Education
 - i. Suggestion was made to offer more education for major feast days.
 - b. Sunday School
 - i. Michelle provided schedule for topics to be covered for younger children for the coming school year.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Father's Tax Issue
 - i. No updates this month.
 - b. Assistance for St George's Orthodox Church (Edenton, NC)
 - i. Fr. John to inquire if additional donations and assistance is required.
- 8. New Business
 - a. No new business to discuss this month.
- 9. Next Council Meeting
 - a. September 21, 2014
- 10. Closing Prayer / Adjournment