

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

December 23, 2017

1. Opening Prayer (Oh, Heavenly King)
2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved
3. Financial Reports (Karl):
 - a. Loan from building fund: Parish has paid itself back.
 - b. Parish has outstanding building debt that has stopped being a priority; given that this debt is structured as a balloon, the parish ought to treat it with greater urgency.
 - c. Parish is being kept in the black by a substantial regular anonymous gift which could stop at any time; would be a great difficulty for the parish should/when this gift stops.
4. Financial report approved.
5. 2018 Spending Plan (Karl)
 - a. Review in preparation for next month's Annual Parish Meeting.
 - b. Priorities for discussion:
 1. Paying down debt
 2. Continued maintenance of the building fund
 - c. Changes to Karl's draft spending plan:
 1. Raised Father John's travel budget \$300 to \$2,800 due to likely greater expenses
 2. Added \$150 for continuing education for Father John
 3. Increased from \$100 to \$300 the line item for Parish outings/picnics (parish spending in '17 was unusually low).
 4. Agreed to revisit the Hospitality line item (currently set at \$350) in re hosting Sunday of Orthodoxy, which will likely require renting a large tent, etc.
 - d. Worthy of note:
 1. Line item for Father John's salary includes a COLA increase of 2%, though Father is owed more: no real raise since his arrival four years ago.
 2. CFL repayment (\$1,000/mo) annualizes to about \$6,500-7,000 less than last year.
6. New Business:
 - a. Anastasia recommends, council approves, new online church directory, accessible via phone app

b. Cost \$80/yr; first year to be paid by Anastasia & Jim.

7. Old Business:

n/a

8. The next council meeting is scheduled for January 14, after Divine Liturgy.

9. Close meeting: "It Is Truly Meet".