

**St Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church
Dayton Ohio
Parish Council Meeting
December 20, 2017**

Present: Brian Garber, Fr.Ted Bobosh, Kerrie Wiese, Bruce Garber, David Short, Ann McLarnan

Brian Garber called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Fr. Ted led "O Heavenly King."

The minutes of the October 16, 2017 parish council meeting were approved.

Kerrie Wiese reported that the most recent financial reports are not yet available. As of today 66 pledges have been returned, covering 97 members. The total amount pledged to date is \$184,110, or 69% of the adopted 2018 budget of \$266,680. There are still some pledges which are outstanding but expected. Kerrie reiterated the need for everyone to turn in their pledge forms. Donations were strong in November but will fall short of the 2017 budget. One factor driving this shortfall is that several families have moved away.

There have also been further donations earmarked for the playground project so the parish's agreed contribution from the capital improvement fund will be reduced.

Bruce Garber reported on several maintenance issues around the church building. The November water bill was for 22,000 gallons, far above normal. He is investigating whether this is the result of a Greene County software glitch earlier in the fall and a resulting catch-up billing, a leaking toilet, a water softener problem, or a leak near the meter out front. Also he has the appliance company coming to repair a sprung oven door in the kitchen.

It was pointed out that background checks for adult altar servers, church school teachers and extra adults for classrooms need to be done again in 2018. Everyone who needs to have this done should see Mary Kay Smith, the Compliance Officer.

Fr. Ted said that some have already expressed interest in response to his email about the possibility of developing a Young Adult Ministry. He will follow up. In addition, David Short suggested increasing ties to the Orthodox Christian Fellowship campus organization.

David Short, member of the Risk Management Committee and member-elect of Parish Council, then introduced a draft of the committee's Emergency Action Plan. Such a plan will help the parish be ready to deal with a variety of serious, potentially life-threatening situations should they arise. A complete draft should be ready for discussion at the February council planning meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with St. Simeon's prayer
Respectfully submitted,

V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh, Rector

Ann McLarnan, Secretary

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