

St Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church

Dayton Ohio

**Parish Council Meeting
April 17, 2017**

Brian Garber convened the meeting at 6:04 PM. with the paschal tropar.

Present: Fr. Ted Bobosh, Brian Garber, President; Kerrie Wiese, Janine Elash, Rebecca Barone, Bruce Garber, Ann McLarnan

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the February 11, 2017 Council Planning Meeting were approved

Kerrie Wiese gave the financial report. Contributions year to date in March were \$8000 less than this time last year, totaling 21% of budget. (At this time last year contributions were 25% of budget.) The Icon Fund total is down since Mark Stokoe has been reimbursed for the icon purchases for the side walls of the sanctuary. The Medical Fund total is high because a disbursement to the HRA is imminent. The parish has not been spending up to budget so the low contributions are not currently a problem, but the situation needs careful watching.

Fr. Ted reported that Pascha and the clean-up after the late-night potluck went smoothly.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

The Risk Committee sent a report on changes to be made to the Emergency Action Checklist and the Policy Manual. They should be ready for final approval at the May meeting. Brian Garber noted that we do not currently have a Photo policy. Ann McLarnan will prepare a draft of a policy for the May meeting.

Brian Garber reviewed Long Term Goals. Space planning outside of Sunday School rooms is not currently needed. Priestly planning is not at this moment a pressing concern. A new long term goal would be community outreach, letting the Dayton area know who we are, what is the Orthodox Church and what we have to offer the wider community. There was discussion about advertising possibilities, other events like the Icon Exhibit to raise community interest., such as having cookies and representatives at A World Affair, or hosting a food truck rally. Also discussed were opportunities for community service, such as hosting a blood drive or serving as a polling place. Bruce Garber will investigate possibilities.

Brian reviewed Short Term Goals. Gabe Brauch's Eagle project is complete and was a great success. The parish will really enjoy the new fire pit and refurbished benches.

The water bill is back to normal; there is no leak.

Kerrie Wiese discussed Church School room arrangement and need for teachers and second adults. 46 students are enrolled for next year: 12 prek-k; 10 1st and 2nd; 6 3rd-5th (these are split between the next-older and next-younger classes); 8 6th-8th; 10 high school. They will keep the same room arrangement. A meeting will be held for helpers. 4 more new teachers are essential.

Kerry will also touch base with Joanna Newton about the parish audit.

Rebecca Barone presented preliminary information about installing a play area with a play structure behind the church. The cost would be somewhere around \$25,000. A number of questions were raised. Rebecca will develop a proposal for the next meeting.

Fr. Ted also raised the question of policy changes covering the new fire pit. Brian will ask the Risk Committee to look into and propose an Outdoor Facility Use policy.

Janine Elash discussed the Volunteer Survey results. They are disappointing so far, with little response. We will consider resending the online survey and handing out a paper survey.

The once-per-month discussion in the Fellowship hall has been well received. There was discussion of how best to encourage moms with toddlers who feel they should leave Fellowship Hour early so as not to disrupt the discussion.

The Icon Project has received \$900 in further donations so it currently totals \$2000. No further icons have yet been purchased. Mark Stokoe bid on another group of icons but was outbid.

NEW BUSINESS

Kerrie Wiese presented a request from Erin Caldwell, Parish Secretary, for a church credit card for her to use independently of Fr. Ted. Erin will give us a proposal detailing the advantages to this and the kinds of things she would use it for. Would it save Fr. Ted some work?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM with the paschal tropar. The next meeting will be May 15 at 6:00 PM.

Resectfully submitted,

V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh, Rector

Ann McLarnan, Secretary

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