

## **St Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church**

**Dayton Ohio**

### **Parish Council Meeting Summary April 18, 2018**

Present: Fr.Ted, Brian Garber, Kerrie Wiese, Rebecca Barone, Janine Elash, David Short, Bruce Garber, Ann McLarnan, Maria Brausch, Laura Short

Brian Garber called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. Fr. Ted led "Christ is Risen."

The minutes for the February and March meetings were approved.  
The current financial report is not yet available.

#### Pascha Alcohol Policy

Maria Brausch attended the meeting to speak to the council about the recent changes to the Pascha alcohol policy (which asked parishioners to limit the alcoholic beverages they bring to the Paschal celebration to quantities for personal or family use only.) She stated that she agrees with the new policy but feels strongly that council should not have announced the changes in the bulletin. In her view such an announcement should only be made in person during the announcements at the end of the Liturgy or on the bulletin board.

The council and Maria discussed a number of ways we might improve communication, including making better use of the members-only email list and the bulletin board.

#### Vacation Church School

Plans are moving forward for the program which will run Monday June 25 through Friday, June 29 for ages 5-11.

#### Fellowship Hall Space

Rebecca Barone has been in touch with Steve Brown and they will meet to walk through the space. A number of space use ideas were discussed, such as knocking out the kitchen wall and moving the counter back toward the sink, with food served to the buffet line from the counter; heating and cooling the upstairs storage room and using it for the Youth Group room; creating a storage plan for the kitchen storage room and the mop room; using rectangular tables rather than round ones.

David Short will do a computer mock-up of the floor plan so we can try out some possibilities.

#### Possible Online Contribution and Pledging Methods

Brian Garber has been researching the possibility of using an online contribution and pledging system, hoping to provide a better way to run a pledge campaign and do monthly reports. He looked at Vanco Give+. There are substantial costs associated with using some type of online contribution method, and he does not yet know if the system would generate end-of-year reports. Kerrie Wiese does not think any system would end the need for counters every Sunday. David Short suggests including PayPal. Brian will continue looking at this.

#### Maintenance Issues

The playground mulch is currently being installed. The question of treating the lawn for dandelions was raised. Bruce Garber will get a second quote for replacing the classroom light fixtures.

### Risk Committee

Council voted unanimously to approve the Risk Committee's proposed building security policy with the mandated changes. The committee will incorporate the changes and return a document for a final vote at a later meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 15.

The meeting ended at 7:40 PM with Fr. Ted leading "Christ is Risen."