

Parish Council Planning Meeting
St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church
March 2019

This meeting was conducted via email due to scheduling conflicts.

Initial Email

Bruce Garber sent an opening email 3/11/19 indicating that the March meeting would be held via email. He then sent an email containing the meeting agenda and asked that council members respond as necessary.

Application Suggestions

David Avdakov suggested getting the council set up with Webex; Fr. Ted inquired about cost. David Short suggested join.me as an alternative since he could host it.

February Minutes

David Short requested the February minutes be sent to the council. Heather Weis inquired about the standard protocol for Minutes distribution. The following suggestions were put forward by Father Ted and David Short.

Meeting Minutes Protocols

- Send the minutes as soon as they are typed up and ready to allow for review prior to the next meeting.
- Incorporate any corrections people send to you.
- At the next meeting, once the minutes have been approved by Council, the secretary and Fr. Ted sign the minutes, and they become part of the permanent records of the parish.

Agenda

The following text is Bruce's agenda, sent 3/19/19. It is annotated with comments from David Short (noted in blue and sent on 3/20/19) and Heather Weis (noted in green and sent 4/6/19).

Approval of Minutes- Feb.19 meeting- Heather

DBS: Can we get the minutes from this meeting sent out?

HW Sent!

Priestly remarks- Fr. Ted * Forgiveness Sunday greeting followup

Parish Planning- nourishing St. Paul Body of Christ

- A) What are the clear and pressing needs of the congregation right now?
- B) What are the greatest opportunities in the community?
- C) new ideas?

Financial Report- February & 2019 YTD- Kerrie

DBS: Can we get the Financial Report sent out?

Old Business

A) building upgrades and required equipment replacements

* camera replacement- comments anyone?

DBS: The Risk Management Committee is working with our alarm service provider to get a quote on this. The person that came out to review the facility and develop a quote has left the company and we have another walkthrough scheduled on Wednesday, 03/27.

* high water bill, again- Bruce to investigate

* parking lot lights- not working due to shorted wiring- Bruce to investigate

B) Standing Committee Leaders- For Your Information

Administration Committee- Erin Caldwell

Church School Committee- Kerrie Wiese

Facilities Committee- John Brausch, Bruce Garber, Dominic Barone

Fellowship Committee- Andrew & Evginia Watson, Dave Fenner

Greeter Committee- Maria Brausch

Mission Committee- Dave Short

DBS: I have asked Rich Helferich, Maria Brausch, and Matthew Jobst if they would be willing to server on this committee. The have all agreed. I will be putting together a charter for the committee and provide it to the Parish Council when completed. We will be looking to bring the St. Vincent de Paul activity under this committee. We are also planning to do an IOCC trip this year...more to come on this.

Out Reach Committee- Matthew Jobst

Risk Committee- Dave Short, Jeff Wiese

DBS: Nothing new to report for this month.

Social Committee- **HW:** Erin C., Alyson, and I have met to discuss social events for the Parish. At this time, Erin F. will continue to organize Ladies' Nights.

* Park Days- Heather Weis

* Lady's Night Out- Erin Ferdelman

* Camp Fire, Fall Corn Maze, etc- Alyson Turri

* New mom and baby meal help **HW:** Erin and I typically set the meal trains up.

Worship (Choir) Committee- Chip Pritchard

C) Bishop Paul visit planning- will work on in May-June

*agenda *lodging *meeting with council * meeting with youth *dinner

D) Parish Policy & Procedure- Council members to read & sign Sexual Misconduct Form

E) ALICE training Seminar for Diocese Parishes- Dave please update

DBS: Our insurance agents are working with the Miami Valley Crime Prevention Association to schedule this on June 8th. We would like to use the fellowship hall to hold this. I will be reaching out to them this week to see where they are on getting the word out.

New Business

A) Insurance letter- coverage options

B) Church School start time discussion- should we start earlier?

DBS: For an FYI, the Youth Group usually starts at 11:30, however, the youth do get to eat in the classroom.

HW: No. The kids have just sat through Liturgy and need time to play and eat before being asked to sit and behave in class.

C) Serving young families ideas

* Wills, POA, estate planning workshop- in process by Social Committee

* Speakers- Fr. Joseph of Annunciation Parish with baby sitting provided

* Helping parents communicate Orthodox ideas with their children

a) confession b) receiving communion c) praying d) alms giving e) fasting

***HW:** Social Committee met in March and developed monthly Parish events that will hopefully appeal to all parishioners, including families. We have planned events for the second Saturday of each month, and times will alternate each month so that we can include many people (3pm one month, 5:45pm the next; our goal is to end or begin the events with Vespers). The goal of these events is to build community, and to bring parishioners together in ways they might not come together in the traditional after-church fellowship. Our first event will be a Pascha Prep Session aimed at helping new converts prepare for Pascha (with discussions about what to bring in your Pascha basket, etc.). The event will also include candle decorating, so that other parishioners feel welcome as well.

D) Community outreach

* cookies for St. Vincent-DePaul, March 29 at 6:30 PM

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E) Serving shut-ins

* mail homily texts & bulletin

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F) Parish Feast ideas- comments anyone?

HW: VCS will be held this week at the Greek Church, but VCS will plan for Liturgy at St. Paul's for the feast day.