

August Parish Council Meeting
St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church
8/19/19

Present: Father Theodore Bobosh, Deacon David Abshear, Kerrie Wiese, Ann McClarnen, Heather Weis, David Short, Bruce Garber, David Avdakov, Brian Garber, Andrew Reigelman, Christiana Archer, and Erin Caldwell.

Opening Prayer and Call to Order

Fr. Ted led "O Heavenly King."

Bruce called meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

David Short moved that we approve the July meeting minutes; Heather seconded. Minutes were approved by consensus.

Approval of August Meeting with Bishop Paul Minutes

Kerrie Short moved that we approve the August Meeting with Bishop Paul minutes; Heather seconded. Minutes were approved by consensus.

Nut Allergies and Fellowship Hour Discussion

Andrew Reigelman and Christiana Archer discussed how unlabeled foods at fellowship hour pose significant problems to those with nut allergies and requested that foods be labelled appropriately. Several options were discussed regarding how to best achieve this. Council decided to identify the third table in the main food line as the nut table, and will ask parishioners to use labels (provided by Erin Caldwell) to identify items that contain nuts. Erin will also contact Evgenia Watson regarding the new policy, and request that Evgenia inform the Fellowship Hour teams. Additionally, Erin will add label reminders to her potluck announcements.

Secretarial Duties

Council has discussed increasing Erin's hours and duties via email. Erin presents her possible new duties and hours. She can be at the church Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 AM – 12 PM. Erin will be available to help the new priest transition to the parish. She would like the ability to order supplies and have access to the credit card to do so; her use of the credit card will require a doubly approved voucher as outlined in the bylaws. We may consider amending the policy on credit card signing in the future.

Bruce moved for Erin to work at St. Paul's as the secretary 20 hours per week Tues. and Fri until the new priest comes, at which point we can readdress the situation. Heather seconded. Council approved the motion unanimously.

St. Paul's Website

Council discussed Ann's recent updating of the church website and the reviews Fr. Ted received. Ann will make changes based on the reviews she's received, though it may take her a few months to implement the changes suggested.

Church School Committee Report

Kerrie reported that we have a lot of first graders this year and requested an additional table for one of the rooms. She also noted that church school was opened up to 3 year olds this year, which it had not been in the past. She still needs at least one additional teacher. Because she has not noticed any further issues with eating in the classroom, council will wait to see what happens before making a reminder announcement.

Vacation Church School Update

Heather Weis and Erin Caldwell presented a curriculum project to Parish Council that they would like to develop. They asked Council to bless this project so they can move forward. David Short moved to bless the project; David Avdakov seconded. Council approved the motion unanimously.

Facilities Committee Report

Bruce reported that the parking lot will be repaved the week of Sept. 16th, as previously discussed. It will be sealed next spring, as recommended. The utility shed has not yet been purchased but will be installed in September. John Brausch will fix the broken sink faucet in the women's restroom. The landscaper has completed the first trim of the locust trees, and Bruce noted that the FC will trim the honeysuckle.

Missions Committee Report

Next St. Vincent de Paul Cookie Baking will be 8/30 at 6:30 PM.

Risk Committee Report

Choir cord project has been completed and reimbursed. All continuous cord hazards in the choir area have been

abated.

Social Committee Report

Mother's Event

Relatively well-attended and went very nicely. The new mothers were very appreciative.

People Missing from Church

David Avdakov proposed some sort of out reach to members of the parish who have not attended services in a while. Heather suggested that the greeters may have more information about who attends regularly, and asked David to talk with Maria regarding this proposal.

Bishop Paul Visit Report

Everything went well. Christopher's offered a 20% discount on our order as well as all future orders.

Financial Discussions

Investment Opportunities

Ann is still attempting to fill out the form. She and David Avdakov will discuss at another time.

Considerations for a New Priest

DCN Ealy may need vestments or require other expenses as a new priest, so we want to think about that in the budget. We may need to shift funds around in the budget for this year, and may need to discuss this at the Annual Meeting.

First Aid Workshop

Bruce contacted Red Cross and it was exorbitant. Fire Fighters Safe is much more reasonable. He has also called other people and is waiting on return calls. Bruce will follow up.

Insurance Policy

Father Ted's car will need to be removed from the church insurance policy. Fr. Ted will acquire new insurance and let Bruce know, then Bruce will contact the insurance agency and cancel the rider. Council discussed Fr. Ted's purchasing or gifting of his car from the church and tax implications. Dave Avdakov will ask Laura to look into the tax implications of each option. If gifting is the best option, Kerrie will sign the title and give it to Fr. Ted to take to the BMV.

Visit of Deacon Ealy and Family

Babysitting has been arranged: Diane Garber and Erin Caldwell; Heather has been in contact with Miho regarding childcare needs. Kerrie will provide food from Chick Fil A or elsewhere, Erin will ask for people to bring sides. Erin will send out reminders about the events, and will provide council members emails and meeting information should parishioners wish to reach out.

Fr. Ted reminded Council that the Bishop is just looking for our input, not a vote or something of that sort. Fr. Ted. will write a short addendum explaining this to parishioners and will have Erin email it with her reminders. Council will meet to discuss on Aug. 29th at 6pm.

Closing Prayer: St. Simeon's Prayer

Fr. Ted led St. Simeon's prayer. Bruce adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ratified: ____/____/____