

**St Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church**

**Dayton Ohio**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**June 19, 2018**

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

Brian Garber called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Fr. Ted led "O Heavenly King."

The minutes for the May meeting were approved.

Kerrie reported that the May financial report is not yet available. Dave Cooper has taken the financial records for the first six months of 2017 to begin his portion of the annual audit.

Brian reported on his continuing exploration of ways to enable electronic donations. He hopes that if parishioners could make donations electronically it might help automate the accounting process. He looked at Paypal, which could provide a donate button on the website at no charge and credit card payments for a small fixed cost plus a percentage on top. This might also help with automatic recurring donations. He will call them with questions.

David presented drawings of potential new arrangements for tables and chairs in the fellowship hall. Switching to rectangular tables would add about 20 seats. A suggestion to change the kitchen configuration might add another 20 seats. Council agreed that the problems the parish is having with coffee hour seating are as much about the difficulty people are having moving around in the crowded fellowship hall as they are about actually finding places to sit. David proposes renting rectangular tables for a few Sundays while storing the round tables in a classroom. He will post his drawings and solicit comments from the congregation.

The council continued its longer-term discussion about the upcoming church school classroom overcrowding problem.

Kerrie announced an urgent need for 3 volunteers to join the counters team working on a rotating basis to count and record each Sunday's donations. They are needed immediately. Training will be provided.

The parish will also need 4 new church school teachers when classes resume in August.

Janine needs more volunteers to vacuum the church and clean the candle boxes one Sunday per month.

Council discussed changes in way we obtain coffee hour supplies such as paper plates, bowls, hot and cold cups, napkins, coffee and creamer. One possibility would be buying the paper supplies through the cleaning supplies company we currently use. We will find out what the cost for this would be. We currently spend about \$1500 per year on these items.

Council began working on guidelines for families to use when requesting a scholarship from the camp fund for sending their children to an Orthodox summer camp. The fund is a line item in the budget. In April, after this year's contribution, the fund totaled \$2270. We are suggesting a grant of \$400 per child once per year for applications made by March 15. Later requests could be met as funds allowed. If there are more on-time requests than funds we suggest reducing the amount given to each child. Special requests for help should go to Fr. Ted. We will have a policy ready before the

2019 camp sign-up season.

Kerrie stressed the need for anyone anticipating the need for a new budget line item to get the information to her soon.

Council began to review a draft of the Emergency Action Plan.

The meeting ended at 7:20 PM with Fr. Ted leading the Prayer of St. Simeon

Respectfully submitted,

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V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh, Rector

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Ann McLarnan, Secretary

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