

September Parish Council Meeting
St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church
9/17/19

Present: Deacon David Abshear, Ann McClarnen, Heather Weis, David Short, Bruce Garber, David Avdakov, Brian Garber, David Short (attended via telephone) Miho Ealy (attended a portion of the meeting), Andrew Reigelman (attended a portion of the meeting), and Jacob Sims (attended a portion of the meeting).

Opening Prayer and Call to Order

Fr. Ted led "O Heavenly King."

Bruce called meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Bruce Garber moved that we approve the August meeting minutes; Brian seconded. Council approved the motion unanimously.

40 Days for Life Announcement Request

Andrew Reigelman and Jacob Sims requested permission to make an announcement about the upcoming 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at an abortion center in Kettering, inviting parishioners to attend. Council approved the measure.

Priest Transition

Deacon Ealy Moving Expenses

Bruce moved to offer a moving allowance to the Ealy family instead of paying individual invoices for moving expenses, noting that St. Paul's would cover all moving costs either way. Council approved unanimously.

Upcoming Baptisms

Bruce reported that he spoke with the Ferdelmans and Erin Caldwell regarding the upcoming baptism of Annalise; they decided to wait until Deacon Ealy arrives and takes up his priestly duties at the church.

Interim Period

So far, all is going well; no council members have received negative feedback regarding our between-priest transition period.

Financial Committee Report

2020 Preliminary Budget

We will review the 2020 Preliminary Budget in further detail at the October meeting. In the meantime, Council members are asked to review the proposed budget and respond to Kerrie via email in the next two weeks.

Church Staff Pay

Bruce reported that Sugarcreek Township has no local income tax, which should make it slightly easier to pay church staff as employees rather than as independent contractors. He also noted that we will need to have an annual performance review for the secretary so that all raises can be justified.

Offering Counting Automation

Brian had no updates to report, but he and Bruce planned to look at the current manual counting forms after the meeting.

Vestments for Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave wants to use his stipend to order two additional vestments, but he is not sure how much is left in that fund. He will talk to Kerrie about the upcoming purchase as Council has already approved his use of his stipend for this purpose.

Investment Opportunities

David Avdakov reported that the investment forms have been completed and we are sending them in. As soon as Kerrie comes back, we will have her write a check from the checking account. Then Dave Avdakov will work with Ann to move forward on the process.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the second Sunday of November – November 10th. Erin will need to begin announcements at least three Sundays beforehand, according to the by-laws. Heather will need to create the package that will be sent to the parishioners prior to the meeting. Ann will send Heather a list of required items for the package.

Missions Committee Report

The St. Vincent de Paul Cookie Baking on 8/30 went well; some of the cookies were returned because we made

so many.

Administration Committee Report

Image-Use Permission Form

Ann proposed that we change the Image-Use Permission Form from the diocese in order to make it less aggressive. She will rewrite it and email it to the council. She will also have Erin print it on church letterhead and upload it to the website.

Secretarial Duties

Erin plans to attend future Parish Council Meetings. She will take notes on her action items and will prepare a summary for the bulletin, but she will not take the official meeting minutes.

Website Update

Ann has changed the contact forms on the website to Deacon David's email and it appears to be working at this time, though his email will need to be changed on the Diocesan website.

Council Voting Requirements

Bruce asked for clarification on when he could speak for Parish Council as president and when we would need to take a vote on presented items. David Short noted that it would be best to have a quorum vote before Bruce spoke on behalf of the Council.

Father Ted's Car Insurance Rider

Jamie La Guardia, our insurance contact, suggested that we maintain a "Non-Owned Hired Auto Liability Coverage," which would run around \$200.00 annually. David Avdakov asked for us to get a letter from Jamie that specifies the coverage. Heather moved to pay for the "Non-Owned Hired Auto Liability Coverage," and Brian seconded.

First Aid Workshop

Bruce contacted Fire Fighters Safe. They offer a CPR Course for a flat group rate of \$250 for any size class. Bruce would like to get Council's approval to pay the \$250. David Short suggested taking a poll to see who might be able to come when since we have a few other events coming up. Council decided to ask Erin to send out a poll via email and on the FB page to determine the best date, as well as putting an announcement in the bulletin.

Diocesan Assembly

Ann reported that the Diocesan Assembly is before our next meeting, and Ann will give us a report when she returns.

Closing Prayer: St. Simeon's Prayer

Bruce led St. Simeon's prayer. Bruce adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ratified: ____/____/____