

St Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church

Dayton Ohio

**Parish Council Meeting
December 18, 2018**

Present: Fr. Ted, Brian Garber, Kerrie Wiese, Rebecca Barone, David Short, Bruce Garber, Ann McLarnan, Heather Weis, Dave Avdakov, David Abshear

Brian Garber called the meeting to order. Fr. Ted led "O Heavenly King."

Kerrie Wiese reported that the November financial report was not yet available.

The planning meeting was discussed, specifically the building requirements and updates for the upcoming year. Some repairs seem to be more necessary than others. Action Item: Bruce Garber will talk to John Brausch regarding planning meeting and what may need to be done for building repairs in 2019.

No Tuesday meeting will be held in January due to the planning meeting. Going forward the third Tuesday of the month will remain as the standard meeting date.

Fr Ted reported that Bishop Paul has approved the minutes of the November annual parish meeting, and approved the slate of council members elected. The 2019 Council will be installed on Sunday December 30 after Divine Liturgy.

Bishop Paul has announced that he will visit the parish on March 29-31, and will ordain David Abshear to the diaconate at that time. He will be available to meet with the Parish Council, the Youth Group, and the Church School, and perhaps other groups. Saturday looks like the best day for a meeting with Council. David Short suggested having Bishop Paul meet with the youth group for dinner on Friday evening.

Heather Weis gave an update on this year's plans for Vacation Church School. At Fr. Joseph Gingrich's invitation, 2019 VCS will be held the week of June 24-28 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. The week could again close with a joint Divine Liturgy for Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on Saturday June 29. The expectation is that the location can move back and forth between the two parishes in alternate years. Heather Weis will be in charge again this year, with Stacy Bambadakis of Annunciation assisting her. They will begin soon to publicize the dates and look for volunteer teachers and assistants from both parishes. Our parish has a budget line of \$1200 for Vacation Church School. Over the next several months we need to determine what portion of that we will contribute to the joint effort and what portion we will use for scholarships for our students in the event that there is a cost to attend. Heather will be attending a planning meeting at Annunciation soon.

Fr Ted reports that Fr. Mark Hodges and his family are grateful for everyone's concern following the fire at their house, but that their insurance is working fine and that they are not in need of any financial assistance at this time. Living in a motel temporarily is an inconvenience but not a financial hardship.

Council discussed the state of the altar boy robes, since they are aging and one is badly torn. Council agreed that this was a good time to replace the robes. Currently we have 8 robes, 2 each of 4 sizes, and that is a good number and size distribution. Audrey Makris has given Fr. Ted a proposal for 8 robes at a total cost of \$2562. By comparison, buying from a catalog would cost \$1720 (215 per robe) plus shipping. Council agreed that we would like to support a parish small business and purchase the

robes from Audrey. There is about \$1000 remaining in the 2018 liturgical budget line, as well as a recent \$1500 donation given for altar boy robes. We will give Audrey \$1800 now to purchase fabric and begin the process. The remaining cost will come from the 2019 budget.

Heather then began a discussion of use of space in the church to provide families a place to go with a crying child during Liturgy that would be clearly still be a worship space. She would like to be able to bring her toddler out of Liturgy when she is being disruptive into a silent, worshipful area, perhaps with some icons. The cry room is more of a playroom with toys, and there are often adult conversations going on in the narthex. Council agreed that this should be part of a larger discussion of appropriate use of space during the January planning meeting.

The January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19 from 9 AM to Noon.

The meeting ended at 7:05 PM with Fr. Ted leading the prayer of St. Simeon.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh, Rector

Ann McLarnan, Secretary

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