

*Holy Apostles Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
April 17, 2016*

Fr. Thomas started with prayer.

Present: Fr. Thomas Moore , Cindy Buxhoeveden, Emilia Shepherd, Michael Prestash, Frances Laing

Visitors: Nicolas Carmine, Sbdn. Michael Shepherd, Julianna Gillespie, Lawrence Gillespie

March minutes mailed for approval.

Treasurer's report:

March was a good month for the general fund. It is in line with basic spending. This last week we had over \$5000 in. Charity is positive. We need to figure out how to pay Sbdn. Michael. Cindy will look through the previous minutes where we discussed it and send it out to everyone.

Income/Expenses for March:

- Operating fund: \$ 17,899.13 in/ \$14,560.76 out – Balance: \$25,401.72
- Charity fund: \$ 515.00 in/ \$190.00 out – Balance: \$9,017.00
- Building fund: \$1342.00 in / \$85.59 out – Balance: \$6,131.56
- Philokalia book store: \$732.47 in/ \$912.27 out – Balance: \$111.47
- Good Seeds: \$0.00 in /\$0.00 out – Balance: \$2,046.97

Year to date:

- Operating fund: \$ 57,618.05 in/ \$45,014.87 out – Balance: \$25,401.72
- Charity fund: \$ 3,619.45 in/ \$4,292.03 out – Balance: \$9,017.00
- Building fund: \$2249.79 in / \$1,889.91 out – Balance: \$6,131.56
- Philokalia book store: \$1,830.54 in/ \$2,136.97 out – Balance: \$111.47
- Good Seeds: \$276.10 in /\$0.00 out – Balance: \$2,046.97

Warden's Report:

BBQ Fund raiser: The bill was only \$100.

There are a lot of maintenance issues that need to be attended to soon:

1. Undone: Trim, and arches
2. Door to hall replaced (fixed)
3. Door frame to "library" (fixed)
4. Metal roof on St. Nicholas - leaks.
5. Bell Tower- coffered ceiling and bell room ceiling.
6. Floor for new book store: We decided on porcelain and got a free supply but it is not enough to finish the floor. Will need to buy the amount for the edges. Will work on ceiling first. Would like to finish the sidewalk in time for Pascha but may not have enough time to get it done.
7. Use \$10,000 to finish the projects instead of putting it savings (approved).

Father Thomas Report:

1. Had progress on the stove hood. Started work on it, not legal yet.
2. July 25-29 DOS Wilmington, NC;
3. Vacation May 22-June 7 Fr. David Wooten, Fr. Timothy Yates will fill in.
4. September 19-23 Fall Metropolitan Council
5. Continuing training Sbdn. Michael and Dn. Nicholas as Deacons. Got informal approval for Sbdn. Michael for deaconate, but have not received the letter yet.
6. Purchase new computer (approved but not purchased yet). We said to go ahead and buy the computer.
7. Deposit \$10,000 at 4 ½ % in DOS savings program (approved but not done). We approved using this money to complete the building projects instead of putting it in the savings program.
8. St. Nicholas funds. IOCC has Orthodox volunteers scheduled to be in Columbia for June 12-18, and July 10-16. We approved using the St. Nicholas funds to purchase the materials for them to work with.

New Business:

1. Pascha picnic: Picnic shelter #1 for 100 people at Lake Murray has been reserved. NO alcohol, NO pets, and parking may be limited if you get there late in the day.
2. Michael H. will do another fund raiser painting class to raise funds to fix up the children's playground. Valerie offered today to get families with children involved.
3. Fr. Timothy is coming May 28/29 to serve at Holy Apostles and we can find out from him how people can help support the DOS assembly in Wilmington.
4. Nicholas C. has quadrupled the space on the server. He will put the church minutes on there. It was discussed that some churches have a link on their web site to the minutes and we approved putting a year's worth on there, starting from this last January.
5. Phyllis has ordered the palms for Palm Sunday.
6. Julianna said that when she sits in the old brown chairs in the fellowship hall she feels like she is going to fall and others agreed with this. There are about 6 of them and we will remove them and purchase metal ones to replace them. Frances will research the best ones to buy and their cost.

Sbdn. Michael Book Store Report:

1. Book store: The cash register and bar code scanner is ready. We now have a large stock of books and he is ready to move it to the St. Nicholas small room. He has talked to Bret about having coffee available. Bret can still use for the room for coffee during the St. Nicholas festival. The current balance is \$300.
2. Still working on the linking between the bank and quick books.

Trail Life: He will mail the \$190.00 membership fee.

Youth group: Good Seeds had a movie night. They will do the Easter egg hunt for the small kids. The older kids will have an urban orienteering (like a challenging scavenger hunt). Also planning a floating on river trip and either donating time at Harvest Hope or making food and distributing it to the homeless.

Old Business:

1. Drink machine is broken and needs attention from Ken Summers.
2. Philip: weather vane
3. Sbdn. Michael: basketball court
4. Fr. Thomas: gate

Closing prayer – Fr. Thomas