

*Holy Apostles Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
February 14, 2016*

Fr. Thomas started with prayer.

Present: Fr. Thomas Moore , Charlie Walters, Robert Hodge, Cindy Buxhoeveden, Greg Hayda, Emilia Shepherd, Luther Lown

Visitors: Nicolas Carmine, Sbdn. Michael Shepherd

January minutes were not available for approval. They will be presented at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Income/Expenses for Jan:

- Operating fund: \$ 22,607.54 in/ \$14,270.99 out – Balance: \$17,981.82
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The operating fund is starting better in 2016 better than it did in 2015. We ended 2015 \$10,000 ahead and we now have approximately \$20,000 in the savings account. We usually have \$10,000 in the savings account so could put the additional \$10,000 in the Dioceses savings account with an interest rate of 4.5%. **This was approved.**

Warden's Report:

There are a lot of maintenance issues that need attended to.

Undone: Trim, and arches and shower ceiling

Bell Tower- coffered ceiling and bell room ceiling funds to be raised.

Material - \$1,155.00

Labor- \$1,200.00

Total \$2,355.00

Fund raiser: The barbeque fund raiser (to finish the bell tower) will take place on Meat Fair Sunday, March 6th from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

1. It will cost approximately a \$1.00 a plate for the meet. The barbeque guy wants to bring the cooked meat on Friday, therefore, we will need to reheat it on Sunday.
2. Charlie will make a sign-up sheet to get everyone in the parish involved.
3. Vera will bring her apple tarts and Emilia banana pudding. Cindy will resend what people had said they would contribute from the August minutes.

4. Charlie will see if team that is assigned to the coffee hour on March 6th help with the serving. Hopefully the weather will be good so that we can set up tables outside, but we can also use the small room if it is not.
5. Leftovers can be frozen.
6. Kristine will make the poster that can be emailed out.

Father Thomas Report:

1. Father pointed out the more we give away the more we have.
2. Volunteers have done a lot of work in the hall including wiring the new stove hood.
3. The used hood from Nick (Nick's Pizza) is installed but not finished. Not sure how much it will cost but the estimate is \$500.
4. Fr. Thomas conferences: Feb 16-18 Spring Metropolitan Council; Feb 21-March 4th Mt. Athos; ABMITRI March 5/6 Deanery retreat; May 12-13 IOCC; July 25-29 DOS Wilmington, NC; September 19-23 Fall Metropolitan Council (he will only miss one Sunday with all of this travel).
5. Continuing training Sbdn. Michael and Dn. Nicholas as Deacons.
6. Renegotiating loan with SS Bank sign on Friday. Lower interest, \$1300-\$1500 for appraisal.
7. Purchase new computer (**approved**).
8. Purchase new vestments (**approved**).
9. Deposit \$10,000 at 4 ½ % (**approved**).

New Business:

1. Discussed getting a new computer to replace the one that Melangell uses because it is very old, slow, and freezes. Will discuss with Melangell and Nicolas C. to see what they recommend. **This was approved.**
2. Because we don't need to use the Nicholas funds for the stove hood, Father will ask the volunteers what they need. The funds are for the flood victims.

Sbdn. Michael Book Store Report:

1. Sbdn. Michael has linked the Philokalia funds and Good Seeds fund to the Quick Books, so every transaction now shows up in Quick Books. This will greatly decrease the amount of hours spent doing audits and looking for missing checks. The charity fund will be linked next.
2. The iPad scanner is working well and the inventory is getting in order.
3. Wants to expand the bookstore but is waiting to see when the volunteers leave. Would like to have the bookstore/coffee shop in the current fellowship hall. Will put in couches and tables and have a kid's corner.

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
5. Trail Life or Good Seeds: floating
6. Michael Hodge Painting Class: raised \$1985 for Mother Thecla's hospital bills.

Closing prayer – Fr. Thomas