

*Holy Apostles Orthodox Church
Parish Council Agenda
January 17, 2016*

Fr. Thomas started with prayer.

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

Visitors: Michael Hodge, Nicolas Carmine, Melangell Harwell, Sbdn. Michael Shepherd, Marcy and Tim from disaster relief

December minutes approved:

Annual meeting results:

Budget approved

Parish council

- Frances Shorten and Robert Hodge beginning 2nd year of 2nd terms.
- Greg Hayda, Emilia Shepherd, Luther Lown: 1st term ending. Eligible for a second two year term. Re-elected
- Charlie Walters and Cindy Buxhoeveden beginning 2ndst year, of 1st two year term
- Audit committee: same? Michael Prestash, Sbdn. Michael Shepherd, Luther Lown
- Community support for plans for flood volunteers, stove hood purchase, etc.
- Little support for electronic tithing in Narthex

Treasurer's report: approved

Income/Expenses for Dec:

- Operating fund: \$ 15,112.11 in/ \$15,790.33 out – Balance: \$9,716.41
- Charity fund: \$ 9,933.3 in/ \$ 3,149.14 out – Balance: \$10,005.93
- Building fund: \$0.00 in / \$0.00 out – Balance: \$6,050.62
- Philokalia book store: \$ 1,209.18 in/ \$ 1,599.63 out – Balance: \$364.39
- Good Seeds: \$0.00 in / \$0 out – Balance: \$1,770.87

- **Year to date:**
- Operating fund: \$184,021.16 in/ \$180,898.68 out – Balance: \$9,716.41
- Charity fund: \$13,999.05 in/ \$11,656.34 out – Balance: \$10,005.93
- Building fund: \$32,406.57 in / \$31,854.44 out – Balance: \$6,050.62
- Philokalia book store: \$7,728.50 in/ \$8,224.00 out – Balance: \$364.39
- Good Seeds: \$847.81 in / \$143.60 out – Balance: \$1,770.87

Warden's Report:

There are a lot of maintenance issues that need attended to. Fr. Thomas can no longer do what he used to do.

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: Will start working towards the barbeque fund raiser for meat fair.

Father will organize a work day for February for maintenance for: doors (door is rotting in children's room), toilets, look for leak in roof in St. Nicholas hall.

Father Thomas Report:

1. Volunteers have done a lot of work in the hall including installing a kitchen sink and shower enclosure. He continues with local VOAD meetings and will be presenting at the IOCC meeting in Chicago in May.
2. He is exploring a used hood with Nick (Nick's Pizza). This coming Wed a man will come out and install a hood. It will be less than \$4000 so we don't need to use the St. Nicholas money.
3. Fr. Thomas conferences: Feb. 8-12 Pastoral Conference-Birmingham, Al; Feb 16-18 Spring Metropolitan Council; Feb 21-March 4th Mt. Athos; April 3-5 Deanery retreat; May 12-13 IOCC; no date yet Dallas for re-interment of AB DMITRI, July 25-29 DOS Wilmington, NC; September 19-23 Fall Metropolitan Council (he will only miss one Sunday with all of this travel).
4. He is training Sub. Michael and Dn. Nicholas as Deacons. He hopes this will give him a little more longevity at Holy Apostles.

New Business:

Sbdn. Michael Book Store Report: It has been decided to not put a credit card reader in the Narthex. We have not gone totally paperless yet and we are not paying bills electronically yet, but will start one bill at a time.

When people donate from our web site using PayPal it is going to the general fund.

Book store is now stocked unless there is a special order, so we should start seeing a profit. Can ask Deacon Nicholas for help in the bookstore.

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

New Business:

Michael Hodge Painting Class: Would like to offer a painting class at church to raise money for Mother Thecla's medical bills (she does not have insurance) on Sunday, Feb 7th. The cost will be \$30 a person and Michael will bring all of supplies. It is not for kids under age 12, it is

for men and women, but we want to encourage the husbands to take care of their kids during this time. **The council approved.**

Spring Fund Raiser to Finish Our Bell Tower: It will be held on March 6th which is Meat Fair Sunday. Father and Sbdn. Michael will be getting back from Mt. Athos on March 3rd or 4th. We already have some \$300 or \$400 worth of supplies. It will be outdoors. Fr. will contact the barbeque guy who has a trailer and he will make the barbeque and we will do the rest. We will plan for approximately 100 people. The tickets will be numbered and will sell them ahead of time so that we have a baseline. It will be held after church instead of coffee hour and go through the afternoon. Igor will provide the music.

Marcy and Tim from Disaster Relief: They said that for the two weeks that we don't have volunteers here the DRSI will contribute \$250 to us. Housing is needed for the two leaders that coordinate and they are looking for another trailer or a home for a leadership couple or single woman to stay in. Leaders are needed on sight and they need to be separated from the volunteers. Father will meet with the groups that come in each week earlier in the week instead of at the end of the week.

Next Parish Council meeting: **February 14th**

Closing prayer – Fr. Thomas

On January 19, 2016 the Parish council members authorized an addendum to these minutes by unanimously responding positively to the following email:

From: Fr Thomas Moore <frthomasm@earthlink.net>

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 11:32 AM

To: Frances Shorten <sunshine59@ymail.com>, Fr Thomas Moore <frthomasm@earthlink.net>, Greg Hayda <original_hayda@hotmail.com>, Melangell <TealeafArias@gmail.com>, Michael Hodge <artist33@mac.com>, michael prestash <Michael.Prestash@prysmian.com>, "Robert. Hodge" <rhodge@arclabusa.com>, Crystal Shepherd <officermillie79@gmail.com>, Luther Lown <lllown2@gmail.com>, Charlie Walters <charlesblayne@gmail.com>, Cindy Buxhoeveden <cindy.buxhoeveden@gmail.com>, bulletin <bulletin@holypostles.org>, Michael Shepherd <officermichael77@gmail.com>

Subject: loan signature

Dear Parish council members,

Our loan with South State Bank has a five year renewal clause. It is time to renew the loan, and I have been working on it for several weeks with Chris Pricenor. There are two hitches which are not significant but which need Parish council approval quickly.

First is that we have to have a new appraisal which the bank submits for bids and takes the lowest one. In our case the lowest bid was \$1500. The second is I need to send a document to the bank stating I have authority to sign the loan.

Technically, I don't really need authorization from the parish council for either of these but I think it is good safety policy. What I would like to do is make an addendum citing this email to our recent parish council minutes saying that the Parish council approves \$1500 for the necessary Bank assessment, and again authorizes me to sign for this loan. I have always signed in the past.

We will consider responses to this email as a vote for the Parish Council. Please respond asap and the loan is time sensitive and cannot wait for our next meeting.

Your servant in Christ,
Fr Thomas Moore

