

**Saint Anne Orthodox Church
560 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830-7164**

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2011**

Present: Frank Dale Nancy Caldwell
Ted Karas Ryan Shelton
Niko Pantanizopoulos Beth Freeman (Clerk)
Fr. Stephen Freeman, Rector Ed Stickle (Treasurer)

Absent: Lynne Attaway Dolly Fox

A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 12:47 p.m. with singing “O Heavenly King.”

Minutes

It was requested that the November minutes delete the wording for “the second half of” the year for the Outreach/Budget Committee recommendations for disbursement of funds. The recommended disbursement was for the year as a whole. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report

The reports for November 2011 were distributed:

- Income and Expenses – Actual vs. Budget for Selected Accounts, 11/1/11 – 11/30/11
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- Suntrust Transaction Activity – 11/1/11 – 11/30/11
- 2011 Projected Budget –with higher loan payment (revised 12/12/11)
- Balance Sheet – Actual for Selected Accounts as of 11/30/11

The income for the month of November was \$3,895.33 less than expenses. For the year to date, the income is \$5,030.20 less than expenses. A letter from the treasurer will be going out to the parish with an update of pledges.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted by acclamation.

Rector’s Report

Fr. Stephen reported on several decisions he had worked out with the Bishop and Chancellor. The first of those decisions was his resignation as Dean of the Appalachian Deanery for health reasons. The second decision was to enter a medical facility to undergo detoxification for a prescription medication for anxiety and for alcohol, after which he had arranged to participate in an intensive outpatient treatment program. His instructions from Bishop NIKON were that he be on medical leave for whatever time required for him to get well, in order that he be able to return

in health to serve at St. Anne. Fr. Athanasius expressed willingness to serve St. Anne's in Fr. Stephen's absence. Fr. Stephen had drafted a letter to the parish explaining his situation and asked Council's advice as to whether he should send the letter immediately or to wait until after Christmas. Council agreed that the letter should be sent immediately.

Discussion

Parish Council discussed the time frame for Fr. Stephen's absence and compensation for Fr. Athanasius in the interim. Frank Dale pointed out that Fr. Athanasius had expressed willingness to help, not only with weekly services and feasts, but also with house blessings and pastoral emergencies. Frank said that he would ask the Diocese to assist with the funding for Fr. Athanasius' compensation. Ed Stickle will add an item in the budget for "assisting priest."

After discussion, a motion was made by Niko Pantanizopoulos that: Fr. Athanasius be compensated at not less than \$500 per week, plus expenses (mileage and other expenses to be approved by Council, with expense reports submitted on a weekly basis), for a period of four weeks, to be reviewed by Parish Council on a monthly basis. The motion was seconded by Ted Karas. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Coffee Hour

Nancy Caldwell is filling in for Lisa Segrest until another person is able to take over the management of coffee hour. The expense of coffee hour has consistently exceeded the amount of contributions. She recommended that the church provide only juice and coffee, and that any other foods be donated by members on a voluntary basis.

New Business

Unused copier in Library/Sunday School room

Council noted that the unused copier in the Library/Sunday School room can be disposed of. Ryan Shelton will look into this.

Annual Parish Meeting

The agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting must be approved 30 days ahead of the meeting. M. Beth will email last year's agenda to Frank Dale to serve as a template for a new agenda. He will prepare an agenda and email it to Council, which can approve it by email correspondence. The Budget Committee will receive a draft copy of the budget from the Treasurer.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp information will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Council adjourned with prayer at 1:55 p.m.