

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

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2011**

Present:	Fr. Stephen Freeman, Rector	Frank Dale
	Nancy Caldwell	Ted Karas
		Dolly Fox
	Ed Stickle (Treasurer)	Beth Freeman (Secretary)
Absent:	Jonathan Allen	Niko Pantanizopoulos
	Jeff Romanczuk	

A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m. with singing of ‘O Heavenly King.’

Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2011 Parish Council Meeting were distributed. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried. The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were distributed for the Council’s information. They will be submitted to the Diocese of the South.

Installation of New Council Officers

The selection of new officers for the Parish Council was postponed.

Treasurer’s Report

The reports for January 2011 were distributed:

Income and Expenses – Actual vs. Budget for Selected Accounts, 1/1/11 – 1/31/11
2011 Projected Budget –with higher loan payment (revised 2/19/11)
Balance Sheet – Actual for Selected Accounts as of 1/31/11

In January, St. Anne’s had less income than expenses (\$734.03 less) for the month. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion carried.

Rector’s Report

On Feb. 14-16, Fr. Stephen attended the diocesan clergy retreat in Jackson, MS, and met with the Diocesan Council and the Deans. He noted that he was pleased to visit with Bishop Mark, who is our present Diocesan Administrator. It is possible that Bp. Mark could be selected as the new diocesan bishop at the next All American Council in Oct.-Nov. of this year. Fr. Stephen would

like to follow up on a contact with the diocesan treasurer about a diocesan program of support for our church savings account and assistance with our property loans.

Fr. Stephen noted that he was grateful for the support from the parish for his book, which has now been published.

Regarding the new iconostasis, he said that he had been able to see (via computer) the icons being written and that they are lovely. There has been a recent conference call regarding the framework for the top row of the icon screen. Fr. Stephen is pleased with how many icons have been subscribed already. Bells are also subscribed, except for contributions still needed towards the large St. Anne bell. He is pleased that support has been widespread across the parish.

Fr. Stephen has spoken with Fr. Job of St. Nektarios Church about a possible joint service of Vespers of Orthodoxy with the Orthodox churches in the Knoxville area, which could be hosted at St. Anne.

Met. Jonah has asked the churches not to use the brand Manischewitz as a communion wine, as it contains corn syrup. Fr. Stephen has arranged for the use of a different wine with no added substances.

Old Business

Building maintenance

The final bill for the repairs and new guttering system was \$3696, a small increase in cost because of an unanticipated, labor-intensive procedure for removing screws from the metal cover on the fascia. Council had previously approved an expenditure of up to \$3,600 for the project, and Council voted to approve the extra amount by acclamation.

Audit of St. Anne Church

The audit for St. Anne's is still in process. The audit of the bookstore checking accounts and inventory is still to be done.

Volunteers

The leadership positions for the areas of service at St. Anne's have been filled, except for a few positions still open that Fr. Stephen will be appointing. Nancy will continue organizing coffee hour until this spring, after which time she would like to turn it over to someone else.

Bells

The bell stand has been installed in front of the church. Gifts are still needed to cover the materials cost of the stand and for the largest bell. Ringers will be trained. A substantial fastening for the bells to the stand will be developed and used when the bells are delivered.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to make a progress report to the Parish Council. They will email copies of their meeting notes to the Council and then arrange for a time for a presentation via a round-robin email.

Maintenance

The small-claims item for compensation for the former guttering is still being considered. The preventive maintenance on the HVAC system is still to be done. Repairs to the men's toilets have been made and the new lights have been fixed.

Family Nights

Family Nights are being scheduled for the first Saturdays of the month, to be held following Vespers. A (new) youth choir practice is planned to be scheduled on those afternoons before Vespers, in conjunction with Family Nights.

Parish Workdays

Two parish workdays have been scheduled: April 2 and June 4, 2011.

Council adjourned at 2:05 p.m., with the singing of "It is truly meet."