

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

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2011**

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

Absent: Ed Stickle (Treasurer) Lynne Attaway
Dolly Fox

A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 12:45 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2011 Parish Council Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

In Ed Stickle's absence (due to illness), no Treasurer's Report was presented. The October financial statements had been sent to Parish Council members by email before the time of meeting.

Rector's Report

Fr. Stephen reported that he has been attending to deanery business in advance of the All America Council (AAC), which will be held Oct. 31 – Nov. 4. Reports for all the churches and missions of the deanery are being turned in to the Chancellor, because there will be a Diocesan Assembly meeting held during the time of the AAC in Seattle. In other deanery matters, Fr. Stephen reported that the priest in Clarksville has been removed from his duties.

Fr. Stephen passed out copies of clergy compensation guidelines which are expected to be recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Assembly for use by the diocese as a whole. The guidelines address vacation time and sabbaticals, in addition to compensation recommendations.

Old Business

Beautification committee report:

The Beautification plan has largely been completed, with the exception of provision for some pieces of furniture for the altar, some rugs, and kyots for display of icons with lampadas on the walls of the church. Kyots are to be provided in November by Scott DeWaard, the woodworker who provided the new church doors. Painting of the parish hall is set to begin Oct. 24. Stenciling

of a decorative border in the nave of the church will be done after Christmas. The bells are expected to be installed on the bell stand soon. Parish Council suggested that the fundraiser for the \$12,000 for the narthex furnishings, which was approved by Council, be included with the Stewardship letter that will go out to the parish this fall.

Budget Committee:

The budget committee will provide recommendations for dispersal of Outreach funds for the second half of the year.

Frank Dale will contact Ed Stickle for a copy of our church insurance policy.

Fr. Stephen and David Caldwell will investigate the possibilities of using the Diocese of the South capacities for savings accounts and debt reduction while in Seattle at the AAC.

Church School coordinator

Fr. Stephen said that Jim Tilson has asked to be replaced as Church School coordinator, and that he is still working on finding someone to take on those responsibilities.

Maintenance Committee

Niko Pantanizopoulos will talk to Marc Lambo about possible ways to reduce the storage space for candle wax waste.

New Business

City Codes letter

A letter received by St. Anne's from the City of Oak Ridge, outlining code requirements for parking lot/ handicap markings and for landscape plans, was distributed to Parish Council by email. The Maintenance Committee will handle discussing those requirements with the city when the inspection is made.

Church School lunches

The church will send out a reminder to parents regarding sending packed lunches with the children for use during Church School meal time.

Council adjourned with prayer at 1:40 p.m.