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

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2017**

Present:	Fr. Stephen Freeman, Rector Adam Davis Craig Morfas David Heise (Treasurer)	Adrienne Pyle Carl Bruner Beth Freeman (Clerk) Ben Prothro
Absent:	Niko Pantanizopoulos	Mary Ann Favazza

A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 12:38 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 18, 2017 meeting were approved (There was no July meeting).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented both the June and July financial reports. The net income for June was a negative (-)\$4,260.64 and for July was a positive \$575.46. The net income for the year-to-date was (-)\$4003.71.

Parish Council approved both the June and the July financial reports.

Rector's Report

Fr. Stephen expressed his gratitude for our Archbishop Alexander's visit to the parish and for all the preparations made by so many. Archbishop Alexander approved Jacob Ramsey to prepare for seminary, and he tonsured both Jacob and Frank Dale as Readers. He was pleased with our plans to move ahead with building and to develop a parish school.

In answer to a question, Fr. Stephen directed that the honorarium for the Bishop's visit be sent to the diocese.

This Fall, Fr. John Cox will serve Liturgy on Labor Day weekend, and then at the end of September, he and our dean, Fr. David Arnold, will serve on two Sundays that Fr. Stephen will be out of town on pilgrimage to Mt. Athos.

Fr. Stephen has agreed to speak at a retreat for the Greek Orthodox church in Chattanooga during the Nativity Fast.

Old Business

Ryan Shelton was present at the Parish Council meeting to report that the Sunday School program was short on space, and (in particular) needed a larger room for the high school class. Council

approved the use of the bookstore during SS time for this class. Fr. Stephen will check with the buildings across the parking lot to see if there is a small space that could be leased on a once-a-week basis.

New Business

Adrienne Pyle and others went to St. Athanasius in Kentucky to view a screening/discussion of *Becoming Truly Human*, a movie/documentary that explores the religiously unaffiliated in America (produced by Ancient Faith Films). She will check on the possibility of St. Anne's having a similar event.

David Heise noted that a background check was needed for Readers and Sunday School teachers. Fr. Stephen will follow up.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mat. Beth Freeman, Clerk

Action Item List:

- The Outreach Committee will recommend dispersing the year-end monies in the Outreach Fund.
- Craig Morfas reported that he will be able to re-stripe the parking lot in front of the church doors for handicap parking during the summer.
- Fr. Stephen would like to follow up on several maintenance issues:
 - pursue foam stabilization for the building foundation,
 - replace the sidewalk, and
 - consider whether any further arrangements should be made to ensure that storm water moves away from the foundation of the church building.
- St. Anne's will set a date for a 20th Anniversary celebration.
- Fr. Stephen will contact SunTrust to clarify how the payment for the loan will be made.
- Fr. Stephen will arrange for a new faucet in the kitchen.
- Fr. Stephen will check on possible available space across the parking lot for a once-a-week Sunday School class.
- Fr. Stephen will follow up on background checks for lay leaders.
- Adrienne Pyle will check on a screening of *Becoming Truly Human*.