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

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2018**

Present:	Fr. Stephen Freeman, Rector	Adrienne Pyle
	Fr. Daniel Greeson, Asst. Rector	Niko Pantanizopoulos
	Alex Dnestrean	Craig Morfas
	Adam Davis	Jenny Pittman
	Beth Freeman (Clerk)	David Heise
Absent:		

A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly statements for both November and December were reviewed, as well as the summary for the year as a whole. The net income for November was \$7,265.49, and the net income for December was \$9,671.44. The net income for January-December 2018 was \$8,682.83. The Treasurer's reports for November and December were approved.

Rector's Report

Fr. Stephen expressed his appreciation for the budget committee's work, as well as for the healthy financial situation of the parish.

He will be traveling on two weekends of Great Lent – at the end of March and in early April. The Diocesan Pastoral Conference will be held in Atlanta in February, and he will be attending along with Fr. Daniel and with Ryan Shelton, who is working in the Diaconal Studies program. The conference is close enough to drive to.

Fr. Stephen reported that the Orthodox Church Capital Improvement Fund (OCCIF) has provided him with the preliminary feasibility study results for a St. Anne's loan application in an email, which he will forward to the Council.

Old Business

OCCIF are willing to re-finance our existing mortgage loan at a very low rate, even before we begin the financing arrangements for the building. They suggested that we would save money by refinancing if the present financing arrangement lasts longer than one year. Council discussed offer

and agreed that we should consider re-financing, as well as begin fundraising this year, in order to retire the debt as soon as possible.

Fr. Daniel will be adding a few more persons for background checks, to include any adults who work with children. He will look into the possibility that the Diocese may cover costs for some of these.

Architect Andrew Gould weekend will be visiting the parish in the coming weekend, working with our Building Committee, and giving a short presentation for the parish after Liturgy on Sunday.

New Business

Council discussed the possibility that Sunday morning Divine Liturgies could be presented on a live feed in the parish hall, for the benefit of those who have had to step out temporarily with children. This might promote a greater connectedness between the two spaces. Fr. Stephen will investigate appropriate equipment for this effort, and the Council will discuss it further.

Council discussed the possibility of using a dedicated software package to develop a parish directory. The directory would include pictures and contact information for families or individuals, would include on-line security, and could be printed in hard copy if desired. The alternate possibility of developing such a package in-house will be considered.

The draft parish budget for 2019 was presented and discussed. Two line-items will be revised, and the adjusted budget will be forwarded to Council for approval before the Annual Meeting.

The Budget Committee presented two recommendations along with the draft annual budget:

1. That next year the Parish Council consider having an approved budget at the end of December, so that the Annual Meeting could be held in early January. The established practice could be that the meeting be held on the first Sunday after the Great Blessing of the Waters at the Oak Ridge Marina.
2. That the Warden review the by-laws at the beginning of the year and recommend changes if appropriate.

A surplus is projected for 2019, and Council gave provisional approval to a recommendation that, assuming a surplus is available at that time, a thank you offering be sent back to those who assisted us with Fr. Daniel's salary. If the entire amount cannot be sent, then a percentage could be sent in good faith with our thanks.

Fr. Stephen, Fr. Daniel, and M Beth recused themselves, as the Council discussed and approved clergy bonuses of \$500 for Fr. Stephen and \$250 for Fr. Daniel.

The council adjourned with prayer at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mat. Beth Freeman, Clerk

Action Item List:

- Fr. Daniel will follow up on background checks for lay leaders.
- Fr. Stephen and Fr. Daniel will arrange for work days to help clear the undergrowth from the wooded area bordering the property
- Fr. Stephen will arrange a speaker for a parish-wide meeting re: parish security
- Council members will provide alternate options for security and camera systems
- Fr. Stephen would like to follow up on the maintenance issue of replacing the sidewalk
- The lighting for the church sign on the Turnpike needs repair, and it would also profit from a change of light bulbs to be a whiter color.