
St. Anne Orthodox Church
February 11, 2018
Annual Parish Meeting

It was certified that a quorum was present for the purposes of holding the Annual Meeting.

Opening Prayer

The meeting convened at 12:30 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were distributed and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report 2017

Treasurer David Heise reported that there are volunteer opportunities for providing needed assistance to the Treasurer:

Deposit Manager
(Adrienne Pyle serves in this position and one more person is needed)

Billing Manager
(to pay bills on time and record in QuickBooks software program)

Bookstore Treasurer
(a position similar to that of Church Treasurer but on a smaller scale)

Slides showing graphs of attendance for the 2017 church year showed that average attendance on Sundays began at 80 but went to 120 by the end of the year. The highest (non-Pascha) attendance was 161, and the lowest was 74. Average for the year was 110, with 24 pledges and 120 donors.

David Heise was pleased to report that the net income for the year was over budget by \$3,442.72 (the budget had included a projected surplus). The year therefore finished with a surplus of \$22,054.72. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

The Budget Committee directed that some of the surplus income of 2017 be directed to the Outreach Fund, the Mercy Fund, and to a clergy bonus (\$2,500 each).

The Outreach Fund had a funds distribution in December, and \$1101.55 was rolled over for distribution in 2018. The Outreach Committee (David Heise, Ted Karas, Adrienne Pyle) are happy to take suggestions for recipients of Outreach Funds, with an emphasis on meeting local community needs. The Mercy Fund is usually directed to needs within the parish.

Budget 2018

The known new expenses for 2018 include \$1,500/month (for 6 months, \$9,000 total) for an assistant priest, and \$18,696 for foundation repair. The budget committee proposed to include these expenses in the annual budget rather than to draw them from the General Operations Fund (savings).

The proposed budget for 2018 was based on last year's income and expenses with adjustments. It anticipates average expenses to be \$14,139.64 monthly and \$169,676.00 per annum, with an income of \$13,739.75 monthly and \$164,877.00 per annum. This projects a net income (loss) for the year of (negative) \$4,799. The Treasurer noted that he considered this to be a very conservative projection, and that the total income for the year could very likely exceed the budget estimate. The 2018 Annual Budget was approved unanimously.

Elections

The following members of the church were nominated for election to Parish Council for the year 2018:

Alex Dnestrean Jenny Pittman David Heise

It was moved and seconded that these persons be elected to serve on Parish Council by acclamation. Approval was unanimous.

Rector's Report

Fr. Stephen noted that St. Anne's held its first Divine Liturgy in February 1998, and that the parish will plan for a 20th anniversary celebration this year. He expressed his love and gratitude for all those at St. Anne's and for his 20 years of ministry in this parish.

Archbishop Alexander will be with us the last weekend in August. We will defer holding a festival this year, instead putting our energy into preparations for our 20th anniversary celebration at the time of his arch-episcopal visit.

Fr. Stephen reported on a proposal from Fr. Marcus, the diocesan chancellor, regarding plans to provide a smooth transition for St. Anne's at Fr. Stephen's retirement. The diocese is considering placing newly-graduated seminarian priest at St. Anne's this summer. If the details can be worked out, he would serve here as an assistant until being assigned as rector upon Fr. Stephen's retirement. St. Cyprian OCA Church in Richmond, VA (Dean Fr. David Arnold's church) has committed \$1500 per month to support the placement of an assistant priest at St. Anne's for an 18-month period beginning in June of this year. We have budgeted to contribute \$1500/month, and the diocese and deanery will also contribute to provide a support package.

Fr. Stephen was very pleased to report that Ryan (Rdr. Raphael) Shelton has been blessed by Archbishop Alexander to enter the diaconal vocations program in preparation for ordination to the diaconate.

Reports

Building Committee

Ted Karas reported that the Building Committee was in the process of deciding conceptual issues, in preparation for choosing an architect. At that point, with preliminary drawings available, a fund-raising committee could begin the campaign to raise funds.

Church School

Ryan Shelton was happy to report that the Church School program was running smoothly and stably, and he expressed his thanks to the many volunteers who make our Sunday morning education program possible.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. with the singing of "It is truly meet."

Respectfully submitted,

Mat. Beth Freeman, Recording Secretary