

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting
June 19, 2018

Present: David Lebo, Gus Flizanes, Jeff Curry, Fred Charles, Don Yoder, Veronica Fennell, Jillian Crowe, Ed Sam, Pete Papas, Valerie Flizanes, Frank Porembka, and Melanie Bell

Excused: Carol Patton, Sara Armanious, Christian Sam, Julia Ritter

Clergy: The Very Reverend John Nosal

I. Opening Prayers and Father John's remarks to the Parish Council:

Father John presented a proposed change to the parish mission statement as follows:
"The mission of St Michael's Orthodox Church is to become completely loving people."
He followed with comments about the society/culture we live in and the need to witness to Christian love. Additionally Father commented that the Sunday bulletin has returned to the original format except for the votive candle listings and that he has spoken to Barli Ross about organizing the Sunday fellowship hour with the hopes of having a new plan in place for Fall, 2018. Father stated that his letter to all parishioners will be mailed on Friday, June 22, 2018 and that he would begin contacting all parishioners shortly thereafter.

II. Chairman's Remarks: tabled

III. Corrections/Additions/Approval of minutes:

Motion by Jeff Curry to accept the minutes as submitted, 2nd Val Flizanes, all in favor, motion passed

IV. Financial Report: Jeff Curry submitted the Statement of Financial Income and Expense for 1/2018 thru 5/2018 and the Statement of Financial Position as of 5/31/2018. Jeff noted that Christian had added the categories of Net Ordinary Income and Net Extraordinary Income as requested by the Parish Council at the May meeting. Jeff also noted that currently in General Fund Checking there is total of \$110,292.23 however without the bequest funds there is \$2,000.00. Frank Porembka inquired about the amount in the bookstore account and agreed to wait to ask Christian S at the next PC meeting.

Melanie B. made motion to accept financial report, Gus F. 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

V. Vital for Tonight:

A. Stewardship Team Report: Pete Papas reported that the Stewardship team has met seven times this year since February 15. During these meetings they have concentrated on the time and talent aspect of stewardship. They have completed their review of the Ministry Teams and reported that of the 30 teams, 17 are functioning and have no specific needs currently. The following teams need team leaders: Altar servers, Choir Director, Down to Earth, Funeral Coordinator and Repairs-Outside. The following teams need additional volunteers: Altar Servers, Church School teachers, Ushers, and Memorial wheat. Pete also reported that the Good Samaritans and A-Men need a rewrite of their purpose statement. Fr. John has a team to address the needs of Young Adults. Fr. John is meeting this week with Veronica Fennel, vice president of the PC, to coordinate PMT. The vice president of PC has traditionally been the coordinator of the teams. Pete also reported that the Stewardship team had started a discussion about the letter submitted by a parishioner which suggested a fund raising proposal. The expect to complete the review and present a report at the July PC meeting.

B. Mediterranean Buffet: Pete Papas reported that The MB participants have met three times this year. They have 16 people who are frequent attendees of the meetings. The following are items on their agenda are completed: Schedule, Teams, and Team leaders are in place and the tickets have been mailed. Work for the following is in progress: team rosters, publicity and flyers, cooking, ordering street signs and updating last year's signs, donation request for supplies via the Sunday bulletin rather than the "tree" The MB meeting participants also are introducing fund raising billboards. These are small billboards which are placed in the church parking lot on the day of the buffet only. Displayed on the boards are advertisements for businesses etc., who have paid for a billboard ad. The "to do" for the MB includes sign-up sheets for volunteers and the placing of street signs in early August.

C. Bequest Allocation: Tabled

D. Social Media: Photos and Videos: Fr. John commented that the use of video images/photos on St. Michael's website and social media is an ongoing conversation. Jillian Crowe suggested that people be given the option of signing a release form for permission to use their picture and those of their minor children. It was suggested that people be informed where/when video recording would be occurring so they can remain outside the frame. Ed Sam distributed a data sheet showing the number of views of St. Michael's FB page and the spoke of the positive comments it has received. He emphasized that a visual image of the Orthodox Church is a modern day evangelical tool. Fr. John will be writing a policy statement.

VI. Current Business

A. Action Items List (see last page)

B. Parish Life Conference: St. Michael's will be open on Sunday, July 1, 2018. Registration to attend the PLC Can be done online and there are also registration forms available at St. Michael's.

C. Facility Maintenance: Gus Flizanes reported that FOH served 20 people in June and have submitted their quarterly income/expense report which shows that they currently have \$1,389.00 in their checking account. The profit from the Wayne Macuga was \$500.00 and has been given to St. Michael's general fund. Gus also reported that Coit Cleaning Services cleaned and waxed both restroom floors as well as the floor in the social hall , the men's room project has been completed ,and Donahue's Heating and Cooling is scheduled to do the annual AC checkup.

Repair/Replacement list: the altar servers ceiling is scheduled to be repaired. \$200.00 has been donated towards that project. Gus stated that the parking lot lights should be replaced for safety.

Jeff Curry made a motion to install four new LED light bulbs in the parking with the cost not to exceed \$750.00 Fred Charles 2nd all in favor motion passed

There are currently no hall rentals scheduled.

Fr. John distributed a list of the custodian's duties and stated that all should be aware of her duties when asking her to do additional tasks. Gus reminded the PC that she is still owed remuneration for extra cleaning she has done previously.

D. Technology: Website and CCA solutions, system evaluation, security backup:

Ed Sam distributed data sheets with graphs showing the number of views of St. Michael's website. There are approximately 85 views per week some of which are from other countries.

E. Envelopes—Tabled

F. Advent Wreath furniture: Fr. John is meeting with a craftsman to discuss building a table.

VII. New Business:

Choir Director: Fr. John is meeting with Marsha Smolcic on June 20th to discuss the possibility of her providing a short term enhancement to the choir by providing pitches.

VIII. Parish Ministry Team Reports:

A. Bookstore: Frank Porembka commented that reading about the Faith enhances our knowledge and theological understanding. He said that the bookstore usually sells more gift items than it does books.

B. Antiochian Women: Valerie Flizanes reported that the last meeting of the AW was June 3, 2018.

An outing to Greendance Winery was scheduled for July 7, 2018. She also said the AW served the Father's Day luncheon on Sunday, June 17, 2018, they continue to cook in preparation for the Mediterranean Buffet, and they continue to serve meals at the Lutheran Church. She also reported that Barli Ross and Dana Abraham have agreed to coordinate the Sunday Fellowship hour. The AW have reimbursed the general funds \$1000.00 for the kitchen stoves which leaves \$4,738.37 in their account.

C. Outreach: Fred Charles reported that the Veteran's Recognition Day has been postponed until November.

Parishioner's Remarks:

Valerie Flizanes remarked that the PC should consider speed limit signs in the church parking lot because she has witnessed some drivers going too fast in the parking lot.

The next Parish Council meeting will be July 24, 1918 at 7:00 PM

The Executive Council will meet the same evening at 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Curry

2nd Veronica Fennell all in favor motion passed

Closing Prayers

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Bell

Action Items List

Parish Council promises made 2/21/17:

Father John is meeting with Debbie to redesign and print donation envelopes

Parish Council meeting promise made 9/19/17:

David Lebo to schedule meeting with Debbie to review PowerChurch/Quick Books

Parish Council meeting made 3/27/18:

Council members who have not returned parish membership forms

Jillian Crowe-check list for audit/review

Parish Council Promise made 4/17/18:

Father John to obtain more information about Pantalone Funeral Home offer to sponsor a coffee hour

Parish Council meeting promises made 5/15/18

Father John to write a video statement

Father John and David Lebo to purchase IDrive for church computers

