

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting  
October 23,2018

Present: David Lebo, Christian Sam, Jeff Curry, Sara Armanious, Fred Charles, Jillian Crowe, Don Yoder  
Veronica Fennell, Carol Patton, Julia Ritter, Melanie Bell  
Barli Ross, Carolyn Hill, Fotini Wetzal, Frank Porembka, Ed Sam, Petros Papas

Excused: Gus Flizanes

Clergy: The Very Reverend John Nosal

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

Father John gave a demonstration of the new smart T.V. He played a short video from the Bible Project which had been recommended to him by the Archdiocese and is available on YouTube. A discussion followed about beneficial uses of the T.V. for both adult and youth Christian Education.

**II. Chairman's Remarks:** David Lebo: **Tabled**

**III. Minutes and Agenda:**

**Jeff Curry made a motion to accept minutes as submitted, Chris S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.**

**IV. Financial Report:**

Chris S. presented the Statement of Income and Expense (January-September,2018) and the Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2018. As of September 30, 2018 St. Michael's deficit is \$37,864.66. The significant non-recurring expenses in September were:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mortgage payoff ----\$11,835.04 (The 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage is officially paid off.)
2. purchase of a smart TV in the amount of \$499.99 with the St. Vincent Grant
3. payment of \$6516.00 to Sealer King for resurfacing the parking lot

Jeff Curry presented a report on the Treasury Bill investment made using the guidelines authorized by the PC at the August,2018 meeting. Jeff reported that a 4 week and a 13 week Treasury bill were purchased in September,2018. The Treasury bills earn 4x the interest than the checking account.

**Don Yoder made a motion to accept the financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara A. all in favor, motion passed.**

**With Father John not present, the PC discussed an amount for a monetary gift to Father on his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After discussion a motion was made by Chris S. give Father \$500.00 Carol Patton 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 yes 0 no 1 abstention - Fred Charles**

**V. Vital for Tonight:**

**A. Stewardship Team Report:**

Petros Papas reported that the Stewardship team will continue to meet through 2018. He had a chart showing the actual return of pledge cards and the percentage of cards returned out of the total possible. Petros also reminded the PC that the month of November will be used to emphasize the stewardship of time and talent. He said the parish website will continue to have a stewardship "corner"

**B. Mediterranean Buffet:**

Petros Papas reported on the wrap-up meeting which was held on October 16,2018. He reported a net income for the day of \$15,187.55 which was a 2,140.13 increase over last year. Petros reported that the ad signs contributed \$2,140.00 to that increase. The wrap-up meeting also included discussion of improvements for next year and added that more action items may be added as conversations occur. Chris Sam and Jeff Curry also submitted a detailed income statement which also reported a net income of \$15,187.55 for the Mediterranean Buffet.

### **C. Social Media Photos and Videos: Tabled**

## **VI. Current Business**

### **A. Action Items List: see last page**

### **B. Donated phones:**

Father John said the donated phones have been installed and are functional.

### **C. Facility Maintenance: tabled**

### **D. Reformat in house envelopes: see action item list**

### **E. Advent Wreath furniture:**

Father John reported that top half of the Advent table with icons is completed and was currently in the Church office.

### **F. Power Church Upgrade: see action item list**

## **VII. New Business:**

**Bishop Thomas 2019 visit:** Father John reported that the weekend of November 8-10, 2019 had been requested as the date of the Bishop's 2019 visit. It has not yet been confirmed.

## **VIII. Parish Ministry Teams:**

**A. Veronica Fennell** gave the PC members an edit copy of the 2019 Parish Handbook and requested that Council members read it and submit any additions, edits and suggestions in a timely manner. Her goal is to have the final copy printed after the new PC members are elected at the December 4, 2018 parish meeting so they can be included.

### **1. IOCC:**

Petros Papas reminded the PC that November is IOCC month. He reported that the most recent Syrian Relief Dinner netted \$37,129.26

### **2. FOH:**

In Gus Flizanes' absence, Father John reported that FOH had \$1,289.48 in their account.

### **3. Amen:**

Ed Sam reported that the Amen will have a booth at the ethnic food festival on May 18, 2019 which is sponsored by the Greensburg Business and Professional Association.

### **4. Bookstore:**

Frank Porembka remarked that there was not much foot traffic in the bookstore during the MB.

Frank also distributed an article about possible fundraisers for St. Michael's

**5. Outreach:**

Fred Charles reported on discussions he was having with Fr. John about possible outreach programs. The suggestions focused on public services programs which would appeal to people, not only in the parish, but also in the wider community such as programs on protection from internet fraud, the opioid crisis and identity theft. The programs would be presented by people trained on the chosen topic. Fred encouraged further input and ideas.

**6. Antiochian Women:**

In Val Flizanes' absence Father John reported that the AW were planning a one day Advent retreat on Saturday, December 1, 2018. He also reported that 75 people had responded that they were attending Father John's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon.

**7. Church School:**

Fotini Wetzel reported that there are 19 registered church school students. On Sunday, November 25, 2018, the girls from the church school will process in the Great Entrance with lit candles for the Presentation of the Theotokos and on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> all the of the students will participate in making holy bread with the Antiochian Women. Fotini also thanked those who had volunteered to teach and asked that more people consider doing so.

**8. Scrip Card Fundraiser:**

Fotini W. reported that the total raised by Scrip cards since May, 2017 is \$670.51 and the total amount in gift cards purchased by parishioners and the Antiochian Women is \$21,675.00. The rate of return is 3.09%. Fotini also reported that the scrip card order dates for 2019 have been set.

**B. Parishioner Remarks:**

1. Barli Ross spoke about the Fellowship Hour and said that only eight Sundays are currently not covered.
2. Father John presented a request from Achieva, an organization which supports people with disabilities, to use St Michael's parking lot as a drop off/ pick up location for three of their clients and three accompanying staff. The staff would park their cars at St. Michael's for the day and would be picked up by Achieva's van. The hours that the cars would be are from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

**Melanie B made motion to permit Achieva to use the parking as described, Ronnie F. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.**

**IX. Announcements:**

**Facility usage:** 11/27/18 AA breakfast

**David Lebo made motion to adjourn, Don Yoder 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.**

**Next PC meeting –Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 7:00 PM, executive board @ 6:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Bell

## **Action Item List**

### **PC promise made 9/19/17:**

David Lebo to meet with Debbie to review PowerChurch/Quick Books

### **PC promise made 3/27/18:**

Council members who have not returned their parish membership forms (David L & Jillian C )

### **PC promise made 7/24/18:**

Father John will continue with parish membership forms follow up calls

### **PC promises made 8/21/18:**

Julia Ritter will work on redesigning donation envelopes

PC will listen to AFR evangelism podcast