

**St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church Parish Council Meeting  
February 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Parish Council of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church was held virtually (due to weather) on February 17, 2022. Chairman TC Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was present. Fr. Aaron Warwick led the council in an opening prayer.

Council members in attendance were:

Father Aaron Warwick

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| TC Wallace     | Chairman   | (second two-year term ends 12/23)      |
| Tracy Namee    | Vice Chair | (second two-year term ends 12/22)      |
| Darren Minks   | Treasurer  | (second two-year term ends 12/22)      |
| Helen Stitt    | Secretary  | (two-year appointment term ends 12/22) |
| Jason Ewertt   |            | (second two-year term ends 12/23)      |
| Rick Husselman |            | (initial two-year term ends 12/23)     |
| Michael Zarich |            | (initial two-year term ends 12/22)     |

The following council members were absent:

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| Shanna Binkley | (initial two-year term ends 12/23)     |
| Joan Ferris    | (two-year appointment term ends 12/23) |

The minutes of the January 20, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Rick Husselman moved and Jason Ewertt seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**Priest's Report**

The March calendar was reviewed. The following events were highlighted:

1. March 6 - Forgiveness Vespers; meet at Braum's afterwards
2. March 7 - Lent begins
3. March 17 - Parish Council Meeting
4. March 21 - "Man of God" movie at Regal West Theatre (Parishioners can RSVP to attend as a group)
5. March 23 - Presanctified Liturgy and Meal (we will host St. George)
6. March 25-26 - Lenten retreat

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Darren Minks reported that the balance of \$112,901.49 in the general checking account reflects the transfer of \$68,000 to the building reserve account in January. Darren is waiting on documents from the bank before moving any additional money from the general checking account into a new savings account that we will open.

The Memorial Fund account consists of the following memorials:

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| George Laham Sr. | \$3,419.00  |
| Abdallah Abdayem | \$4,385.00  |
| Ron Salome       | \$1,530.00  |
| Shirley Ellis    | \$4,239.00  |
| Ray Stevens      | \$1,600.00  |
| Rick Laham       | \$ 666.00 (Darren will set up the account for this memorial this month) |

The tray and pledge collections of \$28,941 were high due to two large donations that we ordinarily do not receive in one lump-sum payment. The Mediterranean Festival line item shows only expenses of \$2,382 at this time. The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser shows income of \$915 for January. The total amount raised for 2021-22 is \$2,785.00. Utility costs were slightly lower than last year.

Mike Zarich moved and Jason Ewertt seconded that the financial report be approved. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Air lock door: The glass door option (the glass has a filament in it to protect against breakage) will solve our problem. Curt has called a few companies and will have bids to submit by next month. We are still working on a solution for the latches on the front doors. There is a possibility that the latches will have to be replaced instead of fixed. We have a bid of \$5,000 from Bell Glass. We will get a couple more bids to compare.

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2022: Tracy Namee reported that the teens made \$1,100 on their bake sale.

March: Pre-orders for T-shirts will begin on March 6.

April: Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

May: 10% of the Mediterranean Festival profits will be donated to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project

Contribution from the Rollins Family in honor of Dn. James and Sh. Rosemary: There is about \$3,400 remaining in this designated line item.

Pre-Teen Group: No report

Plan Paschal Banquet: The Salome family will be unable to prepare the meat for the Paschal banquet this year as they have graciously done in the past. The council brainstormed some ideas for the meal (chicken, BBQ, side dishes brought by parishioners). Around \$570 has been spent for the meal in the past (we have a \$2,000 budget for all meals), but that is because the Salome family was only reimbursed for the meat/ingredients, and not for any labor/time.

**Action Item: Tracy Namee will research ideas and prices so that a decision can be made at the March council meeting.**

Assign ministry teams to Presanctified services: TC Wallace will get these assignments done next week.

### **New Business:**

Credit card readers for Mediterranean Festival and Belles' Bazaar: Mike Zarich reported that there is a new type of credit card reader from Square that works with a tap and reads the credit card information quicker. This would be helpful during the MF and bazaar. Steven Shippy or Robbie Namee usually store these items at the church.

Mike Zarich moved that we purchase four readers (\$50 each) and 2 chargers (\$29 each) from Square to be used for various fundraising events at a cost not to exceed \$400. Tracy Namee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Parishioner Submitted Items:** Mike Zarich reported that there has been an issue with strangers attempting to gain entry into the building after hours when there are people working or attending meetings in the building. Everyone in this position is advised to not open the door and to be cautious.

**Review of P.C. Calendar**

**February**

- \*Determine parish membership for Archdiocese purposes
- \*Order contribution boxes
- \*Solicit donations for Pascha flowers in The Scroll and bulletin
- \*Lenten Retreat Meals

**March**

- \*Pay Seminarian fund obligation (date varies by year)

**Parish Ministry Teams**  
**Membership / Stewardship**

No report

**PC Liaison**

Fr. Aaron

**Ministry Team Chair**

Fr. Aaron

**Public Relations/Website**

No report

Fr. Aaron

Justine Nightingale

**Family Promise**

No report

Fr. Aaron

Vicki Jones

**Prison Ministry Team**

No report

Fr. Aaron

Fr. Aaron

**Matthew 5:4**

No report

Fr. Aaron

Cathy Fairbanks

**Properties**

TC Wallace

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TC reported that when ice or snow melts on the roof, the puddle of water causes leakage along the south wall of the fellowship hall. There are also some leaks in the bookstore. Someone needs to come out and see what needs to be done to fix the problem. We may have to pay a deductible on the repair or replacement. The snow and ice may also cause issues with the rooftop condensers for the walk-in cooler. Robbie Namee is working with Tanner from AAA to fix the cooler. The alarms still are not consistent due to the Wifi. An issue with the heating/furnace in the foyer was fixed by Moody Heating and Air.

**Humanitarian**

No report

Joan Ferris

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**Missions**

No report

Tracy Namee

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**Christ the Savior Academy** Tracy Namee No Chair  
The date that Christ the Savior Academy will host the coffee hour at St. Mary has been changed to April 3.

**Interiors** Tracy Namee Tracy Namee  
No report

**Kitchen** Tracy Namee Robbie Namee  
(report under Properties)

**Digital Library** Tracy Namee Steven Shippy  
No report

**Education** Helen Stitt Justine Nightingale  
Church School started again on February 6 and is going well. The children will begin working on their entries for the Creative Festival that is held at the Parish Life Conference. The Lazarus Saturday event at the Chancery will be held again for the first time in two years. St. Mary will have a craft table activity. Parents will be asked to stay and help with clean up and tear down after the event.

**The Scroll** Helen Stitt Sh. Ro Kallail  
No report

**Belles of St. Mary** Shanna Binkley Robbie Namee  
No report

**Teen SOYO** Shanna Binkley Laura Stanley  
No report

**Choir** Jason Ewertt Michael Shaheen  
Rehearsals for Presanctified services will begin on February 20.

**Greeters** Jason Ewertt Al Busada  
Al Busada has sent out the schedule through May. Al Busada will now be the Ministry Team Chairman of the Greeters.

**Small Groups** Jason Ewertt Cliff Bragg  
Small groups will meet at the home of Cliff and Dee Ann Bragg on February 20 for a chili dinner.

**The Treehouse** Darren Minks Darren Minks  
The Treehouse is planning events for its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Anna Ewertt is the new Board Chair. Darren Minks and Dee Ann Bragg also continue to be members of the board.

**Meal Train** Rick Husselman Jessica Lessman  
No report

**Visitations** Rick Husselman Rick Husselman  
No report

**Major Fund Raisers**

Mike Zarich

Mike Zarich

No report

**Purchasing**

Mike Zarich

Robbie Namee

No report

Tracy Namee reported that she has been testing a Free App called “Encounter” by Faithtree Resources. This app encourages people in their daily prayers. It also has music and a prayer request section. This app can be downloaded on Apple and Android devices. Tracy hopes to share this with the parish for Great Lent.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mike Zarich moved and Tracy Namee seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with Father Aaron giving a closing prayer and blessing.