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

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2016**

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<b>Present:</b>	Fr. Stephen Freeman, Rector Mary Ann Favazza Ben Prothro David Heise (Treasurer)	Adrienne Pyle Carl Bruner Beth Freeman (Clerk)
<b>Absent:</b>	Marcus Richey John Dolynchuk	Adam Davis

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A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m. with prayer.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the July 24, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report**

The net income for the month of July was \$516.66, and the net income for the year to date was \$2685.53. The Treasurer's Report, which required some corrections, was to be approved at the September Council meeting.

**Rector's Report**

Fr. Stephen reported on the Diocesan Assembly, held in Wilmington, NC in late July. Bishop Alexander addressed the Assembly concerning his vision for the diocese. A new summary of the "Deposits and Managed Debt Program" (DMDP) was presented at the Assembly, and copies of this summary were distributed to the Parish Council.

Fr. Stephen reported that the Holy Synod has released a document defining a "Sincerely Held Religious Belief" (SHRB) on the topic of the use of church facilities. The document asserts that the OCA does not recognize a division between the teaching of the church and the use of its resources, buildings, properties, or material assets. These resources, etc., are to be used in accordance with our sincerely held religious beliefs. The language of the SHRB document was drafted and passed by the national church and the Holy Synod. A motion was made and seconded that St. Anne's adopt this SHRB definition as one of our parish documents.

"The St. Anne Orthodox Church /Hall/Facility is the property of the St. Anne Orthodox Church, a non-profit church organization located in Oak Ridge, TN. Due to sincerely held religious beliefs, documented in the Biblical, dogmatic and canonical documents of the Orthodox Church, we do not permit the St. Anne Orthodox Church /Hall/Facility to be used for the following purposes: events,

services or receptions related to non-Orthodox sacraments (including, but not limited to, baptisms, weddings or funerals); non-Orthodox worship services; and partisan political or social rallies."

The motion passed unanimously. See complete document, attached.

Fr. Stephen will be attending the consecration of the new church building of St. Cyprian of Carthage, in Richmond, VA, on Aug. 26-27.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mat. Beth Freeman, Clerk

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**Action Item List:**

- Fr. Stephen will prepare a planning calendar of the services for the coming year.
- Appointment of a new treasurer and assistant treasurer by Oct. 31
- Adrienne Pyle, Mary Ann Favazza, Lynne Attaway, (and possibly Samantha Dolynchuk) are to begin training with David Heise to help with reporting and deposits