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

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2016**

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

A quorum being present, the Parish Council meeting commenced at 12:45 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 21, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

The corrected Treasurer's Report for the month of July, which had been previously distributed by email, was approved.

The net income for the month of August was a negative-\$2.11, and the net income for the year to date was \$2,683.42. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Rector's Report

Fr. Stephen reported that his eye surgery had gone well, and that the surgery on the second eye is scheduled for Tuesday 20 September.

He has two trips scheduled before the end of the year: a Diocesan deanery meeting of the Mississippi deanery (October 9-11) and a retreat for the OCA church in San Antonio, TX (November 11-13). He will not miss Sunday Liturgy for the October trip, as he leaves on Sunday evening. Fr. Daniel Talley will be at St. Anne's for the November weekend. For the mid-October church camping trip weekend (Oct. 14-16), Fr. David Arnold will be serving the Liturgy.

On October 1, St. Anne's will host the funeral service for Dimitrios Agouritis at 1 p.m.

Fr. Stephen expressed his appreciation for the Parish Council action in ratifying the statement of a "Sincerely Held Religious Belief" (SHRB), passed by the Holy Synod, at the last meeting, and reported that he expects the Holy Synod to issue another official statement at their October meeting.

Old Business

From the Treasurer

After the new church checking account was approved, David Heise reported that all the supplies are in hand, and that the old check books will be collected for audit purposes. He asked that Fr. Stephen arrange for direct debit for our utilities to be switched over to the new accounts. He expects to have completely closed out the old account by year's end.

He also nominated two names for the position of Assistant Treasurer: Michelle Coulter and Adrienne Pyle. The duties of treasurer will be divided and rotated between the three elected officers, in a manner consistent with best practice.

The Parish Council approved the nominations for Assistant Treasurer by acclamation.

From Fr. Stephen

Fr. Stephen asked that the Parish Council read through the published information on the Deposits and Managed Debts Program (DMDP) before the next Council meeting. He would like to plan a discussion at that meeting on St. Anne's participation in the program, especially as it relates to preparation for any planned church expansion of facilities. The DMDP statement, as well as the Diocesan Financial Reports, will be emailed to the Parish Council.

He asked also that we explore the refinancing of our existing loan, which is currently at 6%.

Fr. Stephen also noted the new icon lamps in the church, one hanging in front of the icon of St. Anne (carved) in the Narthex, and one in front of the icon of St. Anne in the back of the Nave. These are gifts from Lynne Attaway. She will also be arranging for the replacement of the cracked glass in one of the windows of the Nave.

Fr. Stephen will be arranging for the church Wi-Fi network to be password-protected. The password can be published in-house.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mat. Beth Freeman, Clerk

Action Item List:

- Fr. Stephen will be arranging for our Wi-Fi network to be password-protected.
- Fr. Stephen will arrange for direct debit for our utilities to be switched over to the new accounts
- Mat. Beth will email the DMDP statement, as well as the Diocesan Financial Reports, to the Parish Council