

# St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church Parish Annual Meeting

Jan 27, 2019 11:30 AM

Parish Annual Meeting Minutes

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The meeting began at 11:50 AM with Parish Council and members in attendance:

1. Opening with Prayer – Father Michael

Fr Michael asked if we have a quorum. Dn. David confirmed we have a quorum; minimum 20% of the members.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from January 29 2018 meeting were reviewed. Rob Rinvelt made a motion to approve, Mike Karolle seconded, all in favor, minutes are approved.

3. Annual Pastoral Address

Father Michael Nasser provided his annual report. Hard copy and electronic copy were provided during meeting.

4. Parish Council

a. Mike Simon presented Parish Council Chairman's report, a hard copy was provided.

b. The eight parish members running for Parish Council were introduced.

Parish members in attendance are voting to elect the 3 permanent members, and 1 alternate as Parish Council members.

c. Standing Committees

Joe David – Chair of Maintenance Committee

Mike Karolle – Chair of Cultural Center

Ryan Kaufmann – Chair of Stewardship Committee

d. Treasurer's Report

Michael Jammal – Treasurer

Mike Karolle made a motion, seconded by Ryan Kaufmann to approve Financial Statement, only pages 11-12. Unanimously approved.

Comment: We are paying too much to Archdiocese, we are in top 5 in dues.

Answer: What is shown in 2018 is the result of negotiating previous years disputed dues.

Question: What happens if we don't pay?

Answer: At St. Nicholas we are doing what is right. Some parishioners are giving checks earmarked for Archdiocese dues.

Comment: For new part time secretary it was recommended to go out and survey compensation.

Comment: You have to be more realistic with budget and not forecast 10% income increase.

Randy Heibel made a motion to table the budget, Grant Medich seconded 37 YEA and 20 NAY.

Comment: Requested information / job description ahead of meetings when decisions are expected to be made. Nick Ayoub made a motion to talk about this again at a later time (take it off table), Mike Karolle seconded.

Barb made a motion to remove from expense side (\$192k down to \$172k), and decrease Cultural Center income, Dave Robinson seconded. 27 YEA and 26 NEY.

Amended budget up for discussion:

Pat made a motion to close discussion on the budget, Kathy Abraham seconded. 43 YEA and 11 NEY Budget approved as amended.

#### 5. Keith McAdams and the Fellowship Groups

Forerunners - Eileen Adolphson

Women of St. Nicholas - Janet Ansara

Orthodox Men's Fellowship – Greg Lambert

SOYO– Cece Olson

Scott Storey – Young Adults

#### 6. Ministry Team Reports

Health and Safety - Steve Medich

Ushering - Florin Stanescu on behalf of Brian LaFranboise

Hospitality – Maria Jammal

Adult Education – Dn. David Khorey

Works of Mercy – Greg Storey

Evangelism – Dn. Justin Adolphson

#### 7. Old Business

- a. Archdiocese Convention – Alan Abraham and Kathy Abraham
- b. Strategic Plan – Dan Abraham
- c. Visit of Metropolitan Joseph – Roger David
- d. Midwest Diocese Chancery
- e. Chapel Renovation

#### 8. New Business

- a. Youth Program Committee – Fr. Michael

## 9. Parish Council Voting Results

Presented by PC Chair, Mike Simon, in no particular order:

Sam Bander, Greg Lambert, Mike Simon, alternate Melissa Powell.

## 10. Motion to Adjourn & Closing Prayer

Ryan Kaufmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sonia Nicola seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3pm

Father Michael closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Florin Stanescu.