



ST MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
& EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
512 SUMMER ST
OLD FORGE, PA 18518



Parish Council Minutes January

January 24th, 2023

Time: 12:00 a.m. Fr Michael opened the meeting with prayer

O Heavenly King....
Amen.

Officers Present:

Tammy Wytovich
Vitaliy Rakovsky
Maura Elko
Fr Michael Shepherd
Daniel Pregmon

Parish Members:

Sandy Pregmon
Emily Krenitsky
Marie Paternak

Chair Report:

Quorum Yes

Last Months minutes: Approve Yes/No

Danny motioned to accept, Tammy 2nd. All in favor.

Fr. Michael Reflection: Last month we talked about our mission statement and living a liturgical life. This month I would like a reflection from the Parish Council.

Looking ahead – 50/50 – 12 to \$13

The Church is going in the right direction...spiritually. There are people coming back. Sign up sheet for greeters.

We have a vision and we are working on it and trying to consolidate a community.

1. Treasurer's Report:

January We did not meet our monthly goal of tithes and donations.

January Income/Expenses: Atypical Scott's Plumbing \$4,513.30 & \$386.88; Acaro & Genell \$950; Diocesan Assembly Motel \$135.37; Goodville Insurance \$1634 Qtrly pmt; STM Bookstore \$401.87; STM Choir Wedding \$375

- Operating fund: (\$8,026.20 in) (\$22,641.24 out) Ending Balance: \$123,874.81
- Current Balance \$113,130.65 (as of 1/31/23)
- 2 CDs at M&T Bank 100K and 150K
- Total Assets: +/- \$381,556.95

Update on Fundraising: (like to start in the spring)

1. Repaint Cupolas - estimated Cost: \$13K raised: \$13K

- 2. Paint ceiling dark blue for cosmos - estimated Cost: \$12K raised: \$8K
 - 3. Repair walls from leaks - estimated Cost: \$5K raised: 0
 - 4. New Carpet - estimated Cost: \$5K raised: \$25
- \$35K \$21,025.00

VA PASTA MEAL & RAFFLE \$1500 was the budget. After expenses of \$1400, we received a total of \$3729 in donations. The Parish Council used 10% of that to send to Valhalla Veterans Services. VVS is a local counseling service for vets in Scranton. The rest of the proceeds will go towards our Heavenly Vision Program to fix/repair/update our facilities.

Reminder: Gifts to capital campaigns are needed and are considered a donation, however, should not be considered a portion of your tithes.

Vitaliy motioned to accept/2nd Tammy all in favor

2. Chair Report:

- 1. Welcome Maura Elko to the Parish Council. She replaced Matushka Emilia and will the treasurer position will be the only position up for election in February.
- 2. Pasta Dinner set for November 11th; Thank you Letters were sent. Still need Icon
- 3. Surprise baby shower/bridal shower. Natasha Coyoy and Amaya Jackson
- 4. Envelopes and Calendars
- 5. Fr placed the rectory on Facebook Market Place for rent have had several people look and at least one is ready to move in at \$2000 a month including utilities.
- 6. Motion to Accept Dominique McCoy as the tenat. Vitaly. Danny Second.

Mat. Emilia motioned to accept/Danny 2nd/all in favor

1. Vice Chair Report:

- 1. Unknown body in a plot. Working to find out who is there.
- 2. Repair in Rectory. Toilet leaks into garage.
- 3. Call Mr. Mozda or Scotty to replace the automatic water feeder for the broiler.
- 4. Called to vote on cemetery price. Members were increased to \$1000 month. All non-members (to include Orthodox from other churches) and non-communicant members are \$2525 pending any rocks the diggers have to remove. Danny motioned, Tammy second. All were in favor.
- 5. Burial rights and Related agreement

Vitaliy motion to accept/Tammy 2nd/ all in favor

1. Secretary:

- 1. Record Liturgy for YouTube. We need 50 subscribers. Try to go live twice and failed. 19 describers short
- 2. Research and purchased laptop and mevo.
- 3. Set up online access to CDs at M&T Bank. Add Fr Michael and Maura.

Tammy motioned to accept/2nd by Danny all in favor

1. Old Business:

- 1. Orthodox Christian Meeting
- 2. Need list of work items. OML - order of merit to be accomplished
- 3. Parking lot - repaved?

4. Bells
5. Lifetime Membership – wrong.
6. Audio system – Jason Vo
7. Replacement for Matushka Emilia possibly Maura Elko
8. Replacement of Fuse main panel in Rectory for Insurance.
9. Announcements boards.

2. New Business

1. Posting minutes to website and to announcement boards for 2024
2. ChurchTrac for recording tithes and donations for 2024
3. Digitizing the cemetery. (Find a grave)
- 4.

Motion to adjourn. Tammy; Vitaliy second. all in favor.

Closing prayer – It Is Truly meet.....

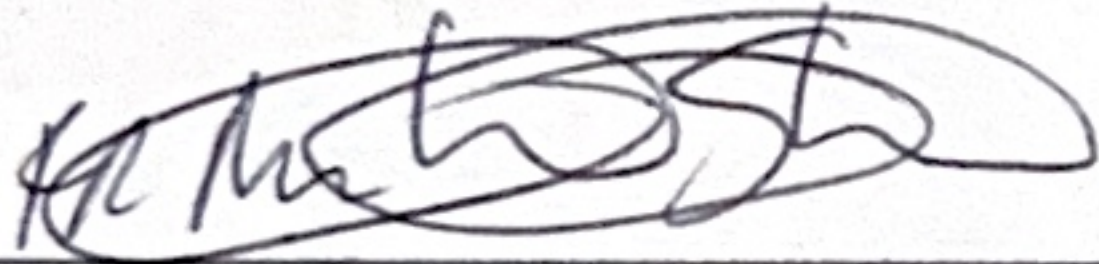
Fr Bless...

Thank You, Lord, for Your strength and guidance in our work. You are the fulfillment of all good things. Fill also our souls with joy and gladness, that we may praise You always. Amen

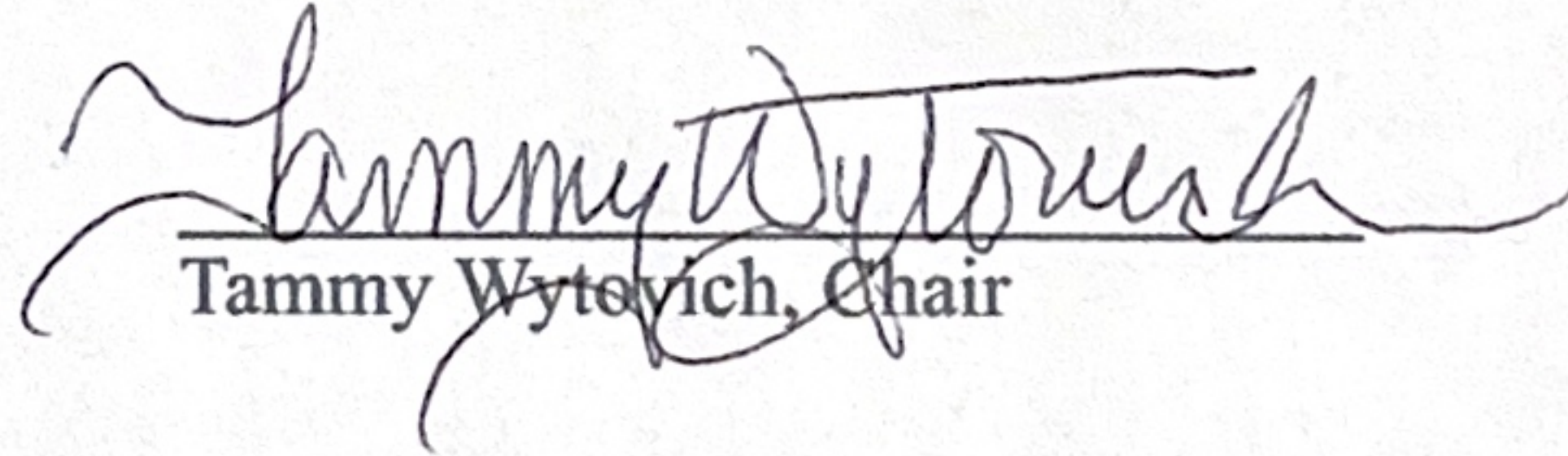
Time: Adjourned at 1:25

Was Accepted: _____

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Fr Michael Shepherd, Rector



Tammy Wytovich, Chair