

Church Board Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 9/10/2022 3:00 PM via ZOOM | Meeting location Nativity of the Virgin Mary (Zoom)

Opening Prayer

Meeting Type General

Attendees

Robert Butchko, President
Lori Billy, Vice President
John Derr, Treasurer
Sarah Butchko, Secretary
Jason Basso, Member
Peter Lecko, Member
Rev. Nicholas Finley, Clergy
**A quorum was present.*

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic Minutes |

Minutes read by: See copy

Motion to accept minutes: Jason

Seconded: John

Agenda topic Treasurer's Report | Presenter: John Derr

- Checking account balance: \$10,124.89
- Savings account balance: \$42,888.68
- Investments balance: \$212,752.14
- Total assets: \$265,765.71
- See emailed report
- Treasurer computer is very slow-Peter will look at it tomorrow
- John called Father M. to talk about moving money from savings to CD's. He said don't do it now, wait until the end of September and call back then. We are looking for a long term investment for mostly our cemetery funds. Money market doesn't pay much, CD's will pay more. Another option is to invest it. Father M. cannot sell CD's.
 - PNC bank CD rates are .03%
 - CD's are 3.5% at Edward Jones.

- Pet recommends that we put it in a one year CD at Edward Jones at 3.5%, watch the market, and we can revisit investing when that market possibly settles a bit. John is going to look at investors and make sure it is FDIC insured. We go with the highest rate.
- There are some errors on the spreadsheet-John corrected them and will reshare the document.
- Our goal for income should be to be over \$12,000

Peter moves to move \$30,000 (cemetery money) into a certificate of deposit at a minimum of 3.4%, with minor investigation, and move forward with the highest rate that is FDIC insured. Jason seconds. Motion carries. It will leave us with roughly \$9600 in the cemetery account.

Agenda topic *Correspondance* | Presenter: Father Nicholas

- None

Agenda topic *Rector's Report* | Presenter: Father Nicholas

- We are preparing for our anniversary celebration tomorrow.
- Parish feast day services were both well attended this past week.
- Father Matthew has put together a schedule to celebrate the American Saints Feast Days together. Father has put them on the calendar.
- Father will show the mission video tomorrow and we need to continue to keep that in mind.
- Father and Justin have been walking the neighborhood, took this past week off due to the Feast, but will continue this week.

Agenda topic *President's Report* | Presenter: Bob Butchko

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Agenda topic *Committee Reports* | Presenter: Bob Butchko

- Missions:
- Technology:
- Food Pantry:
- Building: Grass cutting-making sure it's consistent. The gentleman that's currently doing it has been doing it more as a favor-he charges \$60 a cut. There is someone cutting in Granite City and gave a bid of \$150 per cut. Bob also asked Mike Macek if he knows of anyone who would be interested. Lori also knows of someone else who she can ask to give a bid. Lori will also check with our current grass cutter and see if he would still like to cut the grass. We need to consider next year to get a company out to regularly fertilize and use weed killer, etc. We also need some semi-regular watering of the grass. Jason texted a friend who owns a landscape business to see what he says about the grass. He also does snow removal in the winter.
- Education:
- Cemetery: we're trying to get the GIS system on the website- you would click on the link and it will take you to the system. We're asking people to look at it and if they have more information on people and photos that they share with us so we can update it. Mike Macek has cleaned the side of the cemetery and by the entrance. He's very interested in helping us at the cemetery and the church. Bob will send a thank you letter to him. He also has political connections that has helped getting the area in front of the cemetery clear.

Agenda topic *Old Business* | **Presenter: Bob Butchko**

- COVID: should we take away requiring masks in the choir? We will leave it up to Lori and Karen to decide and let the council know.
- Counting app: not going to happen tomorrow, but hopefully next week.
- Missions: on the diocese webpage there is information about missions and focusing on mission mindset.
- Jason suggested using more social media-posting on our personal pages about Orthodoxy and if you have questions let me know. Invite people we know to come to church. Come up with a map of IL/MO of where everyone in the parish lives and pinpoint where the churches are. Jason is willing to lead this and try to start talking to people and sending out flyers. Ideas: reaching out to universities and refugees.
 - Tomorrow Father is going to present the information about missions and start a discussion.
- Altar boy robes: Father will see if the lady can make new ones or he will reach out to another vestment maker.
- Iconographer: left a voicemail and Father hasn't been able to get back to them.

Agenda topic *New Business* | **Presenter: Bob Butchko**

- Fall cleanup: October 29 at 9:00 a.m.-most of the work would be yard work. Start compiling a list of things that need to be done.
- **Next meeting: Saturday, October 15 at 3:00 via Zoom.**

Motion to adjourn: Jason

Second: Peter

Closing Prayer