

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

Semi Annual Parish Meeting Agenda Sunday May 20, 2018

- I. OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER
 - II. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
 - III. RECTOR'S REPORT
 - IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - V. TREASURER'S REPORTS APRIL YTD
 - VI. CORRESPONDENCE / FACILITY REQUESTS
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VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Sound System Update
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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Iconography Update
 - 2) Other New Business (All)
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IX. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

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Saint Mark Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting Minutes Sunday, November 19, 2017

OFFICERS: Father Gregory Safchuk, President Michael Thompson, Vice President Warren Miller, Treasurer Matthew Nimmer, Secretary Paula Zabela

COUNCIL MEMBERS: John Bilyeu, Sarah Borger, Nikolay Korokhov, Paulina Masick, Skip Mersereau, Michael Mihailov, Debbie Yavelak Sieff and Gregory Yakubik

I. OPENING PRAYER:

Father Gregory led the opening prayer at 11:33 am.

II. Review and approval of the minutes of the May 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting:

Motion to accept the May 21, 2017 Semi Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Shirley Dean, seconded by Barbara Freimann. Motion carried.

III. RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father Gregory stated his report is in today's read-ahead packet. Father asked if anyone had questions regarding his report. There were none.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Michael Thompson's report is also included in the Semi-Annual Packet. No questions were asked from the floor.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: By Matthew Nimmer

Matthew reviewed the September 2017 financial report detailing noteworthy items. He also presented the 2018 proposed budget. The full treasurers report is included in the read-ahead packet. Matthew asked if there were any questions; there were none.

Shirley Dean motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. Karen Phinney seconded Motion carried.

Matthew stated that Sanctuary Iconography expenses were about \$18,000.00, balance on hand is approximately \$85,000.00.

AUDITORS REPORT: Jack Albert and Lori Hottle

Jack indicated that this report was actually an extension of the one given in the spring which was for the years 2015 and 2016. Jack and Lori's recommendations are that frequent bank reconciliations be done. An adjustment was made in the amount of \$250.00.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Iconography – Paulina Masick

Paulina displayed on the projection screen the Iconographers depiction of the paintings which will be installed on the two side walls. A completion date is set for February 2018 (before Pascha). The approximate total for the entire Iconography project is \$250,000.00.

Election of Council Members: Nominations by George Freimann, Chair

Nominees were – Anna Kronick and Sharon Sielinski – No nominees were recommended from the floor.

An additional two year term was agreed to by John Bilyeu and Paulina Masick as well as Auditors – Jack Albert and Lori Hottle.

Shirley Dean moved to accept the nominations as presented, Tina Burpee seconded. Motion carried.

Bazaar – Tina Burpee

Tina was given a round of applause for her dedication and efforts as Chair for the past thirty-seven (37) years. She expressed a heartwarming thank you for all those who came to the workshops and devoted time for the three days of the bazaar. She gave praise to the dishwashers stating the kitchen never looked so clean! She mentioned that we are in need of new carts and trays. In January we will host a luncheon with the leftover food and that will be the kick-off for Bazaar 2018!

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

50th Anniversary of St Mark - Dr. Jerry Marti

The 50th Anniversary will be here in 2022 – Jerry stated it would be a good idea to begin working on this project now. He recently had the opportunity to review (1) St Mark Silver Anniversary Commemorative Book, (2) St Mark Annual Review 1999; Mini-Summit on Church Leadership June 19, 1999; (3) Strategic Long Range Plan, St Mark Orthodox Church, OCA March 2006. Some ideas for this event are (1) Oral histories (2) Video histories (3) Text-book (4) iPhoto book (5) Re-issue 25 Anniversary book (6) Cook books (7) Tina's cooking show DVD's, (8) St Mark Choir DVD for the 50th Anniversary (9) Mark Phinney has volunteered to work on this project (10) Wayne Tatusko will work on the history of iconography; he prepared the previous history on the phases of the construction-renovation and Peter Sielinski prepared the history of the stained glass windows (11) Steve Sekellick has volunteered his video expertise particularly the work on Fr Basil's birthday celebration (12) Victor Lutes has an extensive digital photograph collection of community live at St Mark which will need to be edited and expanded.

Michael Karas volunteered to make available his father's files and B/W photos going back to the founding of St Mark

VIII. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER:

Shirley Dean motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tammy Jacobsen.
Motion carried.

Father closed the meeting with prayer at approximately 12:08 pm.

Submitted by,

Paula Zabela
Saint Mark Church Secretary



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Pastoral Address

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

At this time, I am overwhelmed with a sense of profound gratitude to God and all of you, dear parishioners. From house blessings to and through a blessed and fruitful Lenten season, culminating in a joyful Pascha, it has been my honor to preside in prayer, hear confessions, counsel, preach and teach in this God-centered community. We are truly blessed! In both joy and grief our faith has been forged and our love revealed by God's patient hand. We have come together in support for one another in loss, and with open arms to welcome new members by compassion, kindness, warmth and generosity – all hallmarks of the Christian life.

With the completion of Phase III of our iconography project in March, our church have now takes it place in Holy Tradition by depicting on our walls, scriptural parables and events so beautifully in line and color. The project was finished on time and on budget, and with great thanks to all of you for your generosity and to the members of our iconography committee for their long hours of input and planning. Since there has been much discussion of continuing with more iconography in our church (a Phase IV or completion perhaps), the committee and I look forward to offering some proposals on what that might include.

As this is being written, we are currently working with a professional audio company to update and replace many of the components of our church sound system. In addition to the goal of making things easier to hear, we are also looking toward acquiring the ability to eventually provide streaming audio and video of our services online.

As Summer approaches, we have begun to prepare for our annual Rummage Sale this year on Saturday, June 2nd. Aside from asking for your donations of sellable items, I also encourage you to give some of your time and effort to help in preparation for this always successful fund raising effort. For suggestions on how, please see Marsha Zellum.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to these and all other matters of parish business and activity today.

With love in the Risen Lord,
Fr. Gregory



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President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Risen!

On May 20th we will hold our Semi Annual Parish Meeting. We will have an update about our new sound system and an update from our Iconography Committee about the project to date and thoughts about the future.

It continues to be my great pleasure to report to you that since our last Parish meeting in November 2017, we continue as a Parish to be a witness to our Orthodox Faith. There are an incredible amount of opportunities for all of us at St. Mark to contribute our talents and treasure. It is remarkable to me all that we do. Yet all is taken on in a cheerful faithful way and we still continue to answer more small and large needs. And like our Lenten admonition concerning fasting, "...so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" so much is done quietly without a word. None of this would be possible without our continued generosity in talents and treasure that allows St. Mark Church to do all that it does, thank you!

Although our agenda is not long please plan to attend to ensure we have a quorum and to review the read ahead materials so we can have a timely meeting.

In Christ,

Michael L. Thompson
St. Mark Parish President