

# Saint Mark Orthodox Church

## Annual Meeting Minutes

### Sunday, November 21, 2021

**OFFICERS:** Father Gregory Safchuk, President Wayne Tatusko, Treasurer Sharon Carter, and Secretary Debbi Dillon

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Anna Nakshin, Sarah Borger, Gene Jacobsen, Kyra Smerkanich, Martha Baxtresser, Regina Kundell, Mihail Mihailov, Tom Jenkins.

[Note: the meeting was held both in person and via Zoom and was recorded]

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**I. OPENING PRAYER:** Father Gregory led the opening prayer at 12:15AM

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**II. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Gene Jacobsen moved to accept the May 2021 Semi Annual minutes; Kyra Smerkanich seconded. Motion carried.

**III. RECTOR'S REPORT:** Father Gregory – Most of his message is in the read-ahead packet which included baptisms and new members. Jurretta Heckscher asked about how we arrange confession. Father said that usually they are done via appointments in his office.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Wayne Tatusko – It has come to his attention that he has been harsh in dealing with other people in terms of Covid-19. Wayne apologized to anyone in the parish whom he may have offended.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Sharon Carter went over the September and October 2021 Treasurer's Report including net income, cash flow, balance sheet, and mortgage. In October the parish had a large, unexpected repair to our HVAC as well two large gifts to the parish. Net cash was well over budget. People have been very generous.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** – Jerry Marti – shared a video that Steve Sekellick made at the pirogi workshop. Jerry stated that the pirogi workshop is one of the most fellowship-oriented events we have. The oral history project continues to move forward, and Jerry would like to get many people to contribute. September 2022 is the date for the celebration here at the parish. Jerry is hoping some more people will help with each of the meals. The committee is looking for a speaker since Met. KALLISTOS is too frail to travel.
2. **COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

- **Iconography** - Paulina Masick – Father recently spoke with Dmitri and he stated that his team is still willing to come and complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase. They are planning to have a zoom session with the iconography committee and Dmitri. We would like him to work on the nave first and then work on the Creation icon. Dmitri will need assistance to help the team come to America. It will cost approximately \$1500 per person.
  - **Karen Phinney – Bells** – A deposit for the bells was made. The balance will be due when the bells are delivered. We hope they will be delivered and installed in early 2022.
  - **PEWS** – Mark Phinney - The committee has proposals from two vendors. The carpeting will be about \$12,000 and including everything up to the iconostasis. Pews will be about \$24,000 but neither vendor will remove the old pews. The committee is hoping they will get some help from the parish in disposing of them. Finding a new home for the pews appears to be a significant job. If anyone would like to volunteer for that job, the committee would welcome it. Tina Burpee said that we should carpet the whole area not just up to the iconostasis. She also has a friend who is a woodworker and says the wood from the pews is very valuable and could potentially make a lot of money from reselling the old pews. Mark asked the vendors about that specifically about that and they said that most people will not be interested in taking the wood. Sarah Hardy suggested we put the word out on Facebook or Craigslist, and she is willing to do some exploring.
3. **ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL** – AAC is still scheduled for next summer. We should be seeing information about volunteering for different tasks after the new year.
  4. **CHURCH SCHOOL STATUS** – Father thanked all the teachers and parents who have stepped up to help with Church School. So far it is going very well.
  5. **OTHER OLD BUSINESS** -none

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Karen Phinney moved to nominate Marcella Hydock to replace Anna Nakshin. Sarah Borger, Martha Baxtresser, and Mihail Miholov have agreed to remain on the council. Tina Parish seconded. Nominations accepted. Karen thanked Anna Nakshin for her service to the council.
2. **2022 BUDGET** - Sharon Carter moved to accept the 2022 Budget. Paula Zabela seconded. Discussion. There are a few highlights. The general Fund receipts is slightly understated. The Bazaar is at \$30,000 which is almost what we made this past year. Unexpected Repairs is something we discussed in a previous meeting. Last year Father Gregory did not get a raise. As a result, this year he will get a \$6,000 raise. We have also raised the gas reimbursement amount. Father will be joining Medicare in 2022 so Father's overall health insurance costs will be reduced significantly. Warren asked why we kept so much money in checking. Gene explained that the ICS receipt is a temporary place we use for things like bazaar receipts and paypal donations. Sharon will look further into it. Mark Phinney called the question. Budget carried.

3. **AUDITOR'S REPORT** –no report.
4. **BAZAAR REPORT** – Tina Burpee. She wanted to thank everyone for all their help over the years. It was a wonderful Bazaar this year and we had so many people attend. Wayne Tatusko presented Tina with flowers and a gift certificate to Great American Restaurants as a thank you for her years of service. Tina reminded us that next year is Regina Kundell's first year as Bazaar Chair. She will need all our help and Tina will still be available to assist her.
5. **OTHER NEW BUSINESS** – none
6. **DATE OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** – May 15th, 2022

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Kyra Smerkanich moved to adjourn; Mark Phinney seconded.  
Motion carried.

Father Gregory closed the meeting with "It is Truly Meet" at 12:50PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbi Dillon

St Mark Council Secretary