

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Council meeting minutes, Nov. 3, 2024

Attendees: Fr. Chris, Dennis Fall, Steve Fall, Jacob Fall, Paula McDaniels, Megan Jansa, Jerry Kistner, and Steve Dzubay. Dan Thomas was absent.

Call to order by President Dennis Fall at 11:30 am with Fr. C leading "O Heavenly King".

Parishioner Katie Mulinix asked if the council would concur with Sisterhood's support of her offer to produce a **church membership directory**. She would solicit information from members via a Google document and paper forms, and inviting members to submit individual/family photos. She would organize it into a color Portable Document Format that could be e-mailed and/or printed for church members. It would all be done at no charge to the parish, sometime in coming months. The directory would not be available online. Motion by Dzubay, seconded by Steve Fall, asking her to proceed. The vote was unanimous.

Secretary's report from Sept. 22, 2024, meeting was approved on a motion by Kistner, seconded by Jacob Fall.

The **treasurer's report** showed an investment balance of \$136,414.47; checking/savings balance of \$56,900.49, and \$80,000 invested with Legion Capital, for period ending 10/31/24. Jacob answered questions about some transactions, noted a vendor change associated with the *American Church* online giving site, and advised that Xcel had installed "smart meter" remote technology at rectory and church. Report was approved on a motion by Dzubay, seconded by Steve Fall.

McDaniels had no **Sisterhood report** due to her absence from the last meeting. Jansa shared that the Mulinix directory offer was the main item discussed recently.

Cemetery Committee chair Steve Fall reported the impending sale of a plot to a non-member, and receipt of a \$100 gift from a Gleboff family member.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Chris shared that Ezra Brabant was baptized on Oct. 20; Sunday School, Adult Ed & Youth Group are all underway. Youth Group has 10 students, Sunday School now has 38 students – far more than we've had in a long time. Mary McDaniels continues to do the G-T-K-Y profiles, and Fr. encouraged members to participate. Another new family – the Shaffer's, from Barronett have begun attending. Upcoming events include the Healing Service on Dec. 11, and the Chrismation of Jonathan & Hal on Dec. 22.

Old business

- Steve Fall reported that moisture found in the NW corner of the kitchen appears to be condensation, not a leak.
- Limestone continues to flake from the west walls in the restrooms. Jacob suggested it could be mitigated by injecting sealant into some areas or excavating along the exterior and installing drainage tile and/or a sealant. Steve Fall added that we need to better channel roof drainage away from the foundation on the NW corner too. It will be addressed in the spring.
- Jacob noted that he repaired and remounted a portion of the collapsible benches in the choir loft recently. Jansa also noted that Bob Fall discovered a furnace problem recently and repaired it without fanfare. Council members offered appreciation to both gentlemen for sharing their skills and initiative.

New business

- It was noted the basketball pole near the "sport-court" recently rusted through and toppled over. Motion by Kistner, seconded by Dzubay, to replace it and the backboard during a workday in 2025.
- Jansa noted that new smoke- and water detectors have been received from Church Mutual and need to be installed.
- Mice appear to have been active behind ductwork in the Sunday School area. Motion by Kistner, seconded by McDaniels, to ask Plunkett's Pest Control to visit and try to eliminate the problem.
- Dzubay inquired whether the Council would OK the placement of a functioning reach-in cooler from Neil Schlegel to reside in St. Michael's Hall for added cooling-storage capacity. Approved by affirmation.
- Clear Lake church sign is in need of repair. Covenant church is doing the work, and asked each church listed to contribute \$200. Motion by Kistner, second by McDaniels to contribute \$200. Carried unanimously.

Next meeting was set for Sunday, Dec. 8. Meeting adjourned around 12:30 pm on a motion by Kistner, seconded by McDaniels, followed by singing of "It is Truly Meet."

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Dzubay, (*volunteered* secretary)