

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Council meeting minutes, Jan. 12, 2025**

Attendees: Fr. Chris, Dennis Fall, Steve Fall, Jacob Fall, Paula McDaniels, Megan Jansa, Jerry Kistner, and Steve Dzubay. Dan Thomas was absent. Also attending were Stacie Moriak and Val Fall. Call to order by President Dennis Fall at 11:34 am with Fr. C leading "O Heavenly King". Minutes from the Dec. 9, 2024, meeting were approved on a motion by Steve Fall, seconded by McDaniels.

Moriak and Val Fall to address the group with suggestions to remedy a space crunch being experienced with **Sunday School**. There are currently 28 students with six more expected next year. Typical attendance is 15- to 25 children. The teachers propose trialing a split schedule, with the session for older students starting at 0845, until Liturgy begins. Younger students would gather after communion for classes. Older kids could either attend adult discussion, or another activity could be organized in the fellowship area.

Moriak also sought permission to work with Kari Moskal in drafting a document for parents that outlines goals/curriculum plans for various age levels.

Motion by Jansa, seconded by Steve Fall, to trial the new configuration, starting the first Sunday in February. This would allow time to explain the concept to parishioners and include times on the February calendar.

The pair also sought clarification on whether Sunday School oversight falls under the Sisterhood or Church Council. Both Fr. C and Dennis Fall noted that it would be the council.

The **treasurer's report** was presented and approved on a motion by Kistner, seconded by Jansa. Steve Fall said there had been no Cemetery Committee action, but the group would soon discuss possible changes to plot pricing.

McDaniels reported highlights from a portion of the most recent **Sisterhood** meeting, including election of officers. There was brief discussion about whether the Sisterhood's Council representative could also hold a Sisterhood office. Fr. C consulted the church bylaws and clarified the issue. Jacob Fall voiced a concern about security of the cash box in the church "store." No action was taken.

Fr. C reported a new "inquirer" – Russell C -- has begun attending. Chrismations of the Schaffer family are scheduled for March 23. He also noted that HTOC now has the largest membership of adults and children in at least 30 years, with 90 adults and 41 children. His Spiritual Direction practice is going well with five parishioners and three outside clients visiting monthly, as well as numerous single sessions with others.

Old business included an extensive discussion on **budget** adjustments ahead of the annual meeting. Jacob Fall was offered advice on how to finalize the budget, ahead of the Feb. 8th annual meeting. The draft was unanimously approved after a motion by Kistner, seconded by Steve Fall.

On the topic of **rodent control**, Fr C is in contact with Plunkett's to get them into the church building this week. Jansa noted that her husband and father successfully foamed entry points in the furnace room, Sunday School area and kitchen.

Under **new business**, McDaniels noted she will be unavailable to direct the choir at least two Sundays in February following shoulder surgery. It is hoped Kari Moskal can fill-in.

Next meeting was set for Sunday, Feb. 8th, 2025, following the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm on a motion by Steve Fall, seconded by Jansa. Fr. C led us in singing of "It is Truly Meet."

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