

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Chris, Dennis Fall, Paula McDaniels, Dan Thomas, Jacob Fall, Jake Fall, Jerry Kistner, Matt Cuper

Absent: Steve Fall

1. Opening Prayer, "O Heavenly King"
2. Secretary's Report, by Steve Dzubay  
Motion to accept by Jerry Kistner, second Paula McDaniels, motion passed.
3. Treasurer's Report, by Jacob Fall  
Legion missed an interest payment this winter. A consensus to schedule a zoom appointment with our rep to clarify the issue.  
Motion to accept Report by Jake Fall, second Matt Cuper, motion passed.
4. Sisterhood Report, by Paula McDaniels
5. Cemetery Report, by Jacob Fall  
One plot was purchased in March
6. Pastor's Report, by Fr. Chris
  - Another new family of 6 who moved from Florida to Eau Claire are planning to make HTOC their home church
  - Chrismations and Baptisms of the Schaffer family are scheduled for next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chrismations and Baptisms of the Fieldbinder family are scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday).
  - Spiritual Direction- I see about 10 regular clients each month. If anyone (parishioner or neighbor) would like to take an hour to meet to see how God is moving in their life please don't hesitate to make an appointment!
  - It's now been 7 years since I left the bank. (Wow!) Back in 2018, I took the month of November as a desperately needed sabbatical, and it was greatly appreciated. I'm ready for another this coming November.  
Motion by Paula McDaniels, seconded by Jerry Kistner, to grant Fr Chris a one-month paid sabbatical for November 2025 (in addition to his normal vacation time). Motion passed unanimously.
  - Paula McDaniels made a motion to have the Choir come down for communion right after the wine servers to alleviate overcrowding in the back of the church. Motion was seconded by Dan Thomas, motion passed.

7. Old Business

-Plunkett's contract was signed, and they will be monitoring traps for mice

8. New Business

-Pascha Service

A request was made to move the Pascha Vigil from 11:30pm to 10:30pm. Consensus of the Council was to keep the start time as is, at 11:30pm.

-Youth Account

Motion was made by Paula McDaniels to close account due to lack of use and put funds into the general fund, second by Dan Thomas, passed.

-Discussion on the increasing number of parishioners and our lack of extra space. Effort will be made on reminding parishioners to donate to the Capital Improvement Fund.

-Ground Clean-up Day set for March 29<sup>th</sup> weather permitting; back-up date is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

-Reminder that Financial Assistance is available for Church Camp.

9. Next Meeting

-April 13th

10. Next Meeting Date

November 3rd, Motion to adjourn, Jerry Kistner, second by Jake Fall, motion passed

11. Closing Prayer

- "It is Truly Meet"