

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission Church

Council Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2008 11:45am

- Members present: V. Rev. Fr. Paul Jannakos, Fr. Robert Royer, Dn. John Manutes, Brian Arnes, Cindy Chiatlas, Phil Moorman, Dr. Dan Sak, Susan Schlaack, Patricia Smith, Rebecca Lazar, Bruce Watson. Absent: Freida Owens.
- Bruce Watson spoke first on the **building project**. Much has been completed and now we are on the homestretch. The walls in the hallway leading downstairs and the downstairs need to finish being primed and the final painting of the entire church needs to be completed. The chandelier can then be hung and the flooring laid. Most of the inside electrical is complete, but minimal exterior electrical has been completed. The parking lot needs to be stripped. The stairway outside the alter also needs to be completed. Our building contractor Clark Senter has covered over \$3,000.00 of the building expenses and the carpenter has covered over \$2,000.00 of the building expenses. Phil Moorman will keep track of the non-cash contributions that are given to SMM. There was discussion on the property just west of the church being for sale. Bruce asked to excuse himself. Dr. Sak moved that Bruce be kept on the council as Past President presiding over the building project. Phil Moorman 2nd the motion, Bruce accepted and all approved.
- The next order of business was the **election of officers**. Dn. John nominated Dr. Dan Sak as President, Cindy Chiatlas 2nd the motion. Rebecca Lazar nominated Phil Moorman as President, Pat Smith 2nd the motion. Phil Moorman motioned to close elections of President and Pat Smith 2nd. Dr. Sak was elected by 1 vote. Dn. John nominated Susan Schlaack as Vice-President but she declined. Dr. Sak nominated Phil Moorman, he accepted and all approved. Phil Moorman nominated Brian Arnes as Treasurer, Dr. Sak 2nd and Brian accepted and all approved. Rebecca Lazar will assist Brian with the Treasurer duties. Pat Smith nominated Cindy Chiatlas as Secretary, Phil Moorman 2nd, she accepted and all approved.
- V. Rev. Fr. Paul spoke on “The Big Picture” for the council. With 10 action points to keep at the forefront of our minds and hearts.
- **Parish Life Ministries Reports:**
- **Ecclesiarch/Liturgical:** We will be starting an acolytes class February 23, 2008 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. The clerics will co-ordinate this class. We also expressed our deep gratitude to be blessed with such fine clergy.
- **Parish Life Ministry:** Sharon Foster handled this ministry. Cindy Chiatlas nominated Freida Owens to take over, Fr. Paul 2nd. Thank you Freida for accepting all the way from Aruba ☺
- **Choir:** Everyone agrees that the choir sounds great and we appreciate very much all the hard work of our choir director and the choir.
- **Pastoral Report:** Fr. Paul spoke on a clergy and lay person retreat in Boulder City Nevada on “Mission In The Orthodox Church”. It will be February 19th – 21st, 2008 and invited anyone to attend. Sounds like fun since it’s subzero here and will probably be sunny and in the 70’s in Nevada. Who wouldn’t want to go? ☺

- **Treasurer Report:** Dr. Sak motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Pat Smith 2nd the motion and all approved. We had discussion on the 2007 Profit and Loss report and the building loan expenses being included in the report. Ann Schutt will do the 2007 audit.
- **Religious Education:** There was discussion on various educational ideas.
- **Communication:** Pat Smith sends out approximately 145 e-mails and snail mails about 40 bulletins.
- **Sunshine Cards:** Susan Schlaack will take over the responsibilities from Zina Pyatenko.
- **Bookstore/Kiosk:** Pat Smith reported that Christmas sales were down and that the kiosk will be returning the money received for the tee-shirt orders. We didn't have enough orders.
- **Youth Group:** Fr. Paul very sincerely thanked Fr. Bob and Dn. John for their efforts with our high schoolers. We had discussion on the poor attendance of our high schoolers for Sunday school and how concerned our clergy is that we continue to minister to them in unique ways.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion on Tom Chiatas taking pictures of the new council and a church pictorial directory. Phil Moorman has a couple hundred heavy duty plastic hangers in his basement waiting patiently to be put to good use at the church when it's completed. He also has a computer program that tracks all church activities, but as of yet no one has been able to get it up and running. Cindy Chiatas said she'd take a look at it. We also had discussion on cutting back on the amount of doughnuts purchased and that has been done. Dn. John asked if Mike Schlaack is turning in his receipts to the Seminary Fund for his deacon studies.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Fr. Paul will be bringing 4 different charitable causes for the council to consider at the February council meeting. We had discussion on the council meeting time. February's meeting will be Saturday, the 2nd at 3:45 pm at the Knight's of Columbus Hall. Rebecca Lazar asked if we would be getting a bishop soon and Fr. Paul said that the Holy Synod will be taking a very long look at filling the position and it will probably take a couple years. Fr. Paul also discussed jurisdiction issues. Compensation issues were discussed after Fr. Paul left. Fr. Bob closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45pm.