

**Annual Meeting Minutes for Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church  
Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**Attendance:** Father Steven + 45 parishioners

**Opening Prayer:** Father Steven led those present in “O Heavenly King”.

**Call to Order:** 12:20 pm

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting (February 8<sup>th</sup> 2015):**

Minutes from 2015 were read silently and reviewed. One correction was noted in the Treasurer’s Report section: the total for both accounts was incorrect and needed to be changed from \$260,323.89 to \$160, 323.89. Gary George motioned to accept the corrected minutes. Ron Skulas seconded and the 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Parish Rector’s Report:**

Father Steven read through his report noting that the Parish is now 40 years old. He warned of the subtle temptations that can arise in a well-established parish. He also mentioned some of the future events in 2016 and drew attention to the Parish statistics report.

**Treasurer’s Report and Approval of 2016 Budget:**

Ellyn Gillette presented the 2015 Actual vs. Budget and 2016 Proposed Budget report. She noted that last year we budgeted a deficit but ended up with a surplus. For 2016 we have budgeted for a \$8427.55 deficit. The 2015 and 2016 Priorities charts were presented. The bank account totals as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 were reported as: Checking: \$41,240.70; Money Market: \$123,546.65, giving a total of \$164,787.35. There was also a graph showing the agenda items discussed at Parish Council Meetings and the time spent on each of these. Nolan Leara expressed concern over the budgeted deficit and Ellyn outlined the Council’s approach. Karen Krueger asked about the church hall remodeling and Steve Mayhugh gave a synopsis on what was done in 2015 and what is proposed for 2016. Gary George made a motion to approve the 2016 budget. Alexis Callender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Audit Committee Report:**

Wayne Krueger reported that the audit was straightforward. He urged parishioners to turn in their receipts when purchasing anything for the Parish so there is a paper trail for the auditors.

**Stewardship Ministry Report:**

The Stewardship Report was read and reviewed. Joe Kormos said he had nothing to add to it. Father Steven praised the committee for the good work it has done over the 5 years which has resulted in increased stewardship. Wayne Krueger drew attention to the flier for the Legacy Fund which provides for the long-term needs of the Parish.

**Approval of Bylaws:**

Brian Farison reported that he had received 5 comments on the Bylaws. Steve Korach had sent in 3 edits which were reviewed. Carl Hollister moved to accept the first edit with one change. Scott Robedeau seconded and the edit passed. The other edits were agreed on and Brian Farison moved to accept the Bylaws with the edits as discussed. Jeannie Markvan seconded and the Bylaws were approved. They will now be reviewed by Bishop Paul and, once the final draft is approved, will be put on the website.

**Election of 2016 Parish Council:**

Father Steven asked for nominations to the council in addition to the presented list. No nominations were made. Nolan Leara motioned to accept the listed candidates. Carl Hollister seconded. The motion passed with one person opposed.

**Election of Diocesan Assembly Representative:**

Father Steven said that traditionally the President of the Council was the assembly representative and Ellyn Gillette was willing to go. Karen Krueger made a motion to accept Ellyn as the representative. Steve Mayhugh seconded and the motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jeannie Markvan asked when we would have a deacon. Father Steven reported that Paul Gansle will be ordained soon possibly before Pascha.

**Adjournment:** Carl Hollister moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Robedeau seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

**Closing Prayer:** "It is truly meet..."

Respectfully Submitted:

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Very Reverend Fr. Steven Kostoff, Rector

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Di Carter, Recording Secretary