

<b>HOLY WISDOM OCA Mission Parish Council Minutes</b>		
<b>Group:</b>		
<b>Place:</b>	Holy Wisdom Mission - GJ, CO via Zoom	
<b>Date/Time:</b>		2023-05-18
<b>In attendance:</b>	Father Benjamin Huggins, Father Luke Uhl, Anastasia Bowman, Janet Gatseos, Karen Kopanos, Heidi B	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>1. Opening Prayer</b>	Father Benjamin	Father Benjamin
<b>2. Rector's Report</b>	Fr Benjamin discussed transition for his family and the parish. As announced last Sunday, the bishop has blessed Fr. Benjamin's move to parish in Hawaii. Primary factor for Fr.'s request for this move is Matushka's health, altitude worsens her health. Fr. Daniel will be interim pastor at St. Andrew's, Fr Joseph will support him in this role - this will be done until permanent pastor is named. The rector for the mission Holy Wisdom has not yet been determined. Fr. Anthony is coming to western slope to meet with PC at St. Andrew's. Good news for Holy Wisdom is becoming more visible and forefront on diocese leadership. Holy Wisdom and parishioners will remain in Fr. Benjamin's prayers and he requests we keep him in ours. Father assured PC that he is communicating with the Chancellor and Mission leadership of the Diocese the unique needs and characteristics of H.W. as they look for a rector to oversee this	Father Benjamin
<b>3. Approve Minutes</b>	The 26 Apr 2023 minutes were emailed to the PC membership prior to the meeting for review. Motion presented to approve these minutes- Karen G., second- Heidi B.. Motion for approval carried by all in attendance; no	Anastasia B.
<b>4. Treasurer's Report</b>	Monica sent out prior to meeting Financial Report. Expenses not completed in April so may see more reflected in May. Checking 35953.86 this is up Mar 16 meeting - \$5348.26. Building fund \$1338.50. Both income & expenses are down. Long term we need to keep monies coming in to address bills. Discussion about having a stewardship presentation to our parish so that we educate our people about both the spiritual and practical aspects of tithing. Motion to approve Financial Report - Janet G , second Karen K - no dissent. Karen raised the need to get the audit committee together to complete quarterly audit	Father Luke
<b>4.a. PayPal</b>	Monica reports PayPal continues to be used - one parishioner uses this regularly. It also allows those who visit the website to donate	Monica K.
<b>4.b. City Market</b>	Have received \$44 for 1st quarter, then 2nd quarter \$60.	Monica K.
<b>5. OLD BUSINESS</b>		
<b>5.a. Iconostasis</b>	Iconostasis is waiting to be stained.	Father Luke
<b>5.b. Bookstore</b>	No updates	Anastasia B.
<b>5.c. Fellowship Hour</b>	Things are going well	Janet G.
<b>5.d. Community Outreach</b>	Jeri's putting signs out still. Had community member visitor drop in this last weekend - interested in Orthodoxy. Parish continues to donate to the Food Bank regularly.	Monica K.
<b>5.e. Parish Growth &amp; Development</b>	We have 3 adults serious inquirers to Orthodoxy & 1 catechumin currently. Fr. Luke mentioned the need to organize a catchumin or catechesis class.	
<b>5.f. Book Study</b>	Fr. Luke reports it is going well. Doing a Bible study - studying the Gospel of Matthew. It is going well.	Fr. Luke
<b>5.g. Parish Feast Day - Mid Pentecost - Bishop Benjamin's Visit - Debrief</b>	Fr. Benjamin pleased with the celebration of Vespers & the fellowship meal. Lesson learned alert wait staff the head table gets waited on first. More effort to get RSVPs - had at least 8 additional attendees who had not RSVP'd, fortunately the space we were in was able to accomodate this. Had a relaxed informal fellowship after liturgy on the feast day, which worked well for this Bishop	Father Benjamin

<b>5.h. Lent, Holy Week, Pascha</b>	Fr Luke felt it went well. He mentioned the choir books. Heidi feels like the books are getting in order. Next year throw in more multi-cultural components. Karen took responsibility to ensure the epitaphion got decorated while she was dealing with Peggy's illness. Monica suggested starting choir practices for these services earlier in the season.	
<b>6. NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>6.a. Service Calendars</b>	This coming week Ascension. In June Saturday of the Souls on the 3rd and next day Pentecost with Kneeling Vespers.	Father Luke
<b>6.b. Parish Development Forum &amp; Convert Survey</b>	The 10th Parish Development Forum will be held in Cleveland, OH on July 13-15.. Unsure if there will also be a virtual option. This year's theme is Our Parish and the Future. In addition, there is a request for participation in an Orthodox Convert survey - an attempt to understand converts motivations, characteristics, obstacles, and qualities of parishes that are attracting converts. With Fr. Benjamin's blessing, Anastasia is asking to forward this to the parish, and asks that Fr. Luke include in his announcements this Sunday. Anastasia will forward link for survey to Fr. Luke	
<b>6.c.. Rocky Mtn Deanery Meeting</b>	Fr. Sihouan spoke to the clergy providing encouraging words. Fr. Benjamin will look for something written by him for PC to read. Fr. Anthony's health continues to deteriorate, his cancer is not improving. Good meeting. Served two liturgies together - good for clergy to be together.	
6.d. Diocesan Conference	Dates Oct 24th - 27th in Santa Rosa CA - Monica will be attending as delegate for parish.	
<b>7. Meeting Closed</b>	Motion to adjourn -Monica K .; second- Heidi B.; motion carried by all with no dissent. Closed at 1925.	Father Benjamin
<b>8. Next Meeting:</b>	06/22/2023 @ 1830 (6:30 PM)	Father Benjamin
<b>9. Minutes recorded by:</b>	Anastasia Bowman	
<b>11. Signature of Approval (Secretary)</b>	Anastasia Bowman	
<b>10. Signature of Approval (Meeting Chair)</b>	Priest Benjamin Huggins	