

Meeting Minutes: Christian Orthodox Council of Akron

Date: Monday, March 18, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Saint Thomas Orthodox Church

Call to Order: President Judge Kathryn Michael called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM.

Opening Prayer: Bob Snyder

Roll Call:

1. St. George - Judge Kathryn Michael (President)
2. St. George - Bob Snyder
3. St. Elia - Mary Marcin
4. St. Herman - Lissa Molchan
5. Presentation - Debbie Morgan
6. Presentation - Maria Waterhouse
7. St. Thomas - Stephanie Marszal
8. Annunciation - Lou Poplos
9. Annunciation/OCW - Sandy Menhorn

Attendee Introductions – President Judge Kathryn Michael

Secretary's Report – Fill-in secretary Joshua Wherley absent due to Lenten church service.

Treasurer's Report – Lou Poplos

- Balance - \$7,949.947
- Payment \$150.00 – Orthodox Web Solutions still pending
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Booklet donations not deposited yet

Church Updates:

Presentation:

- Online orders for Pascha bread available on website
- Spiritual Discipline (based on writings by Fr Evan Armatas) class ongoing
- Movie event, March 28th at 6:15 PM, showing the film (“Luka”) about St Luke the Surgeon of Simferopol (Crimea).

Annunciation:

- Bake sale March 27 & 28 in time for Western Easter & Pascha bread
- Metropolitan Savas will visit to celebrate feast of the Annunciation
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, March 24, followed by heavy h'orderves
- Philoptochos raising funds for Stewart's Caring place at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, 44333

St Archangel Michael: N/A

St. Elia:

- Sat Feb 10 – Bingo Salad Supper went well
- Services during Lent
- Catechumen Kristopher has been received into the Church

St . George:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday services at 7 PM
- Fish Fry on Friday nights. Entree (baked fish, fried fish, shrimp). Sides: Fresh roasted veggies, yellow rice, hot tomato sauce, french fries, coles slaw, mac and cheese
- Young Adults meeting third Wednesday of each month, all are welcome

St. Herman:

- Wheelchair lift added to back of church
- Three new catechumens
- Fine arts and crafts show July 27, 2024

St Mary: N/A

St. Nicholas: N/A

St. Thomas:

- Leasing their hall, maybe to Akron Montessori
- Women's group is backing Pascha bread for Orthodox Pascha

OCW:

- Saturday, April 20th 9:30 AM - 3 PM at St. Nicholas parish hall. Fr. Barnabas Powell speaking, Topic: Be Watchful - St Paul's Wisdom for Spiritual Maturity
- Tuesday May 7, 10 AM Liturgy for St. Irene at St. Thomas

Lenten Vesper services:

March 24 Annunciation - Sunday of Orthodoxy with Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh.

- March 31 – Presentation at 5:00 P.M.
- April 7 – St. Elias at 5:00 pm
- April 14 – St. Thomas Tentative, Time: 5:00 PM
- April 31 - St Nicholas - Unction Service at 5:00 PM

New Business:

- Motion by Debbie Morgan to send two \$750 scholarship to Emmanuel Salem (Annunciation, attending Holy Cross) and Cole Scheffler (St Nicholas, attending St Tikhon's)
 - seconded by Stephanie Marzal
 - Motion carried

- Discuss fundraiser idea - Silent auction
- Motion for up to \$400 dollars for radio spot for COCA wishing everyone a joyful lent/Pascha
 - seconded by Maria Waterhouse
 - motion carried

Old Business:

- Discussed proposed Orthodox school and plans to help them get it off the ground

Next Meeting: April 15, 2024, at St Archangel Michael at 6:30 PM

Closing Prayer: Fr Dan from St. Thomas

Adjournment: President Judge Kathryn Michael

Bob Snyder made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM; seconded the motion. All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Mary Marcin in lieu of secretary