

# St Jacob Orthodox Church

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes ~~[03/16/22]~~

### **I. Call to order & Opening Prayer**

July 14th, 2022– 7:04 pm

### **II. Roll call**

Parish Council Members PRESENT: Fr. Ignatius Strange, Norman Goldman; Christine Furrer, Nathan Klinger, Rhonda Jones, David Robertson, Randy Wallace.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

MOTION to accept the minutes of the previous meeting – postponed by VP Norman Goldman til further notice.

### **IV. Treasurers Report**

Christine Furrer gave an update regarding OCCIF loan application process. Seems there is slight confusion on OCCIF's part regarding the parish's payment for the Grange property. OCCIF documents will be distributed to PC members soon. Christine also opened discussion over hiring a bookkeeper and strongly advises doing so. Christine will draft a motion to hire a bookkeeper to be presented to the council and set up an interview with potential candidates. Christine also suggests budget reports ought to be distributed to parish council members in plenty of time to digest before council meetings.

### **V. Rector's Report**

Fr. Ignatius described the tenets of a healthy Parish Council: There needs to be a balance of power between the Rector/Priest and the council. The Church is meant to operate in council, and requires the advice and reasoned input of all its members. Regarding Fr. Ignatius' time commitment to his priestly duties, he is willing to work "beyond" what his pay package calls for, but cannot sustain that extension of his duties beyond his first year. He also requested clarification on his pay package and how salary negotiations will work moving forward. On this point, Norman suggested speaking with Christine Furrer first then Fr Matthew and Matushka Theodora. Fr Ignatius would like to update the parish at large with monthly status reports about the purchasing of the Grange property. These status reports ought to include the budget reports and council meeting minutes. Fr Ignatius also opened discussion about the parish council ministry teams and would like further clarification on what is already operative, what needs to be set up, exact delineation of each ministry's duties, etc. Finally, regarding the Grange property itself, he would like to include interior painting/preparations of walls for future iconography in order to help the space feel like a church sooner rather than later.

### **VI. Adjournment & Closing Prayer at 8:21pm**

MOTION to adjourn by Rhonda Jones

Closing prayer at 8:21pm

Next meeting will be 7pm 08/22/2022

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by:

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David Robertson, Secretary

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~~Fr Damian Kuolt, Rector~~