

FORCC

September 22, 2022

Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia

The September 22, 2022 meeting of FORCC opened at 6:45 pm with the singing of the prayer. In attendance were: Peter Romanovsky, Nina Kosowsky, Dawn Reshen-Doty, Fr. Michael Westerberg, Mat. Lydia Westerberg, Matt Mihaly, Eve Nucifora, Bob Lazar, Alexia Tassmer, Evelyn Balamaci.

The minutes of the June meeting were presented and accepted. Motion made by Matt Mihaly, seconded by Alexia Tassmer. Fr. Michael Westerberg motioned to accept the omission to the March minutes regarding a \$350 payment for speakers presenting ZOOM lectures. Seconded by Alexia Tassmer, and passed.

The treasurer's report was presented: LCBA savings = \$45,159.50; LCBA restricted = \$121.64; checking = \$15,609.49. Dawn Reshen-Doty motioned to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Matushka Lydia Westerberg and passed.

Two requests for donations were received: OCMC and CT Family Institute. After discussion it was decided to make a \$50 donation to the CT Family Institute. Motion made by Fr. Michael Westerberg, seconded by Bob Lazar and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Banquet: 84 in attendance. A suggestion was made to leave a sign at the reservation table regarding the fact that photos and a video will be done and could be placed on Facebook and the FORCC website. Ad responses totaled \$2800 and are saved on Google Drive. It was suggested that follow-up be done via email, phone calls, and personal requests. The \$1000.00 scholarship recipient was Matthew Booth from St John's on Broadbridge Ave., Stratford,

ZOOM lecture was made possible by using the ZOOM account from Three Saints in Ansonia. Discussion was held regarding follow-up on the parenting lecture. There are guidelines from the OCA regarding children in church. Question was asked if Fr. Mamalakas has a pamphlet to share on parenting. A check and thank you will be sent to him.

Duck pin bowling event was attended by 40 bowlers (age 2-teens). Suggested was a back to school bowling event next year. Other bowling venues are available in Cheshire & Danbury where private events can be planned.

NEW BUSINESS:

FORCC program journal suggestions for improvement: 1. Each person reach out to at least 5 people or businesses, 2. Set up electronic donations with M & T Bank, 3. Establish an

earlier deadline date for ads – only ½ and full page ads, 4. Ads should be only in pdf format, and 5. Obtain samples of books done by other organizations for improved presentation.

FORCC should apply for a CT tax exempt certificate. Contact will be made with the CT Secretary of State for appropriate forms needed.

Elections to be held at the November meeting. Nominating Committee was established as: Mat. Lydia Westerberg, Nina Kosowsky, and Evelyn Balamaci

Dates and location for 2023 meetings: March 16th, June 15th, Sept. 21, Nov. 16th

A card will be sent to Richard & Irene Kendall congratulating them on their recent wedding.

Brief discussion was held regarding an article on unity that was published in the NY Times from the Orthodox Christian Laity of NA. Copies of the article could be made available. Food for thought or a ZOOM meeting?

Matushka Lydia motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Dawn Reshen-Doty. The meeting closed with the singing of the prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Kosowsky

Recording Secretary