



Holy Myrrhbearers

ORTHODOX MISSION

Annual Parish Assembly Sunday 28 January 2018

1. **Opening prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer.

2. **Report from parish priest**

Fr Geoffrey gave a report on the growth and development of the mission in its first full year, focusing on the establishment of the parish 'rule' and six ministry areas: worship, hospitality, teaching, service, stewardship, and administration. In each area he mentioned accomplishments to date and plans for the coming year. He recalled the many significant parish events in 2017, including the visit of Archbishop Irénée, of Bishop Ilia of the Albanian Archdiocese, of Archbishop Lazar, and of Fr John Behr.

3. **Financial report for 2017**

Outgoing treasurer Jean Keen presented reports on the mission finance for 2017 (see attached). She noted the total income of \$56,807.85 and expenses of \$52,075.51, leaving a net income for the year of \$4,732.34. The balance sheet showed total assets as of 31 December 2017 of \$22,686.69 and total equity of \$14,614.28. Archdiocesan support (at 10% of general expenditure) amounted to \$4,734.14 for the year. The finance reports were adopted unanimously.

4. **Budget for 2018**

Fr Geoffrey presented a budget for 2018 consisting of a modest increase on the average rate of donations and expenses (see attached). The budget, along with a recommendation that the parish council continue to operate flexibly depending on offerings during the year, was adopted unanimously.

For the 2018 year, Fr Geoffrey encouraged more consistent giving (noting the ups and downs of the previous year's income) and giving from a wider group of members (noting the top 8 donors had given twice as much as all the rest combined).

5. **Election of parish council**

Fr Geoffrey thanked Jean Keen for her diligent work as treasurer and for her offer to assist the incoming treasurer during a transition period. He presented the following slate of officers for election:

First Warden: Mike Dubinski
Second Warden: Bernie Voulgaris
Treasurer: Alexandra Cumby
Secretary: Irene Cassar
Ministry coordinator: Vlad Vassilovski
Ministry coordinator: Louise Neville

The slate of officers was elected unanimously.

6. **Election of auditing committee**

Fr Geoffrey presented the following people for election as members of an advisory audit and finance committee, to support Alexandra in her role as treasurer:

Sean Cumby
Ellen Selstrom
Joseph Clarke

The auditing committee was elected unanimously.

7. **Election of lay delegate to All-American Council**

Fr Geoffrey explained that, in addition to the main priest, every parish and mission was entitled to appoint a lay delegate to attend the All-American Council in St Louis in July. The mission would not be able to pay for a lay delegate's travel costs, but if a delegate was able to travel and pay for accommodation during the assembly, the mission would fund their registration fees. Louise Neville was nominated and unanimously selected as lay delegate.

8. **Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers**

Fr Geoffrey announced that the Sunday of Orthodoxy (25 February) Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Greater Toronto Area would be hosted by Holy Myrrhbearers together with the Orthodox School of Theology at Trinity College. Archbishop Irénée would be presiding. Volunteers from the mission would be needed to help coordinate and serve on the evening.

9. **Closing prayer**

The meeting was closed with prayer.