

**St Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
Rincon/Savannah GA
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2025**

Members Present: Fr. Stephen Osburn, Mark Guyer, Ron Somich, Sasha Karbovska, Paul McCollum, Charlene Griffin and Dn. Vassily Kocher (guest)

Call to Order:

11:34 am- February monthly minutes approved unanimously with adjustments.
Ron moved to accept and Mark seconded.

Rector's Report:

Fr. Stephen said he and his family are settled into a regular rhythm after the move. He is speaking with catechumens regarding baptisms on Holy Saturday.

Discussed new catechumens and website adjustments to promote church growth.

Discussed outreach to parishioners who haven't attended for a few weeks.

Warden's Report:

We will rent a dumpster for \$400 for cleanup in May. We will continue to gather supplies for bathroom renovations. Discussed candles needed for Pascha.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial dashboard summary presented. We are approximately \$4000 shy of our goal.

Discussed beautification/cleaning fund for Pascha and all viable options, including parishioners bringing flowers and multiple baskets for different type of donations.

Discussed cashless options for donations on website and at candlebox and QCD funding through retirement accounts.

Mark moved to accept financial/budget report and Ron seconded. Report and budget accepted unanimously.

Report Parish Activities:

Fr. Stephen said we made 100 homeless kits and spoke about our upcoming movie night. Discussed film options for future viewing.

Discussed doing something special for Fr. Michael and will continue to coordinate schedules for a possible dinner.

New Business:

Motion to reimburse Fr. Stephen for pension payment.

Paul moved to accept motion and Mark seconded. Motion unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

-New Hall- email sent to building committee in anticipation of meeting after Pascha.

-Social Media Waiver- We will obtain frame for waiver in narthex. Discussed safety issues regarding access to parishioners email. Discussed website options for stewardship videos on church website.

-Safety Awareness During Services- Discussed lighting options and outreach to parishioners with law enforcement backgrounds.

Dn. Vassily was given the estimate of \$1200-\$1500 for church land survey.

Brainstorming- On hold this meeting.

Call for adjournment/ Closing Prayer: 12:36

Mark moved to end meeting Ron seconded. Unanimous decision. Meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Charlene Griffin, Secretary