

**Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission**  
*14020 Private Drive 2083 • Saint James, MO 65559*  
**Summary of Annual Meeting on November 5, 2017**

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**Mission Council Members:** Fr. Joel Wilson (Priest-in-Charge), Natalie Heib (Secretary)  
Jean Rohal (Treasurer)

**In Attendance:** Fr. Joel, Prsv. Tessi, Eric & Jean Rohal, Natalie Heib, Phoebe Heib, Lisa Ours,  
Antonina Lekakh, Linda Wells, Sean & Crystal Deubelbiss, Phoenix Deubelbiss, Michael Marsh

*Absent: Nadia Nasser, Brenda Hendrickson, Samantha Heib, David & Autumn Heib, Makridis  
Family, Makridis Family, Mousadakos Family, Mike Samaras, Slater Family, Harris Family, Lia  
Sotiriou-Leventis, Nunn Family, Bell Family*

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**Opening**

Fr. Joel opened the meeting with “O Heavenly King...”

**Secretary’s Report**

Secretary Natalie Heib opened with a review of meeting minutes from all meetings in 2017  
(*attached*)

**Treasurer’s Report**

Financial Review - Presentation of Reconciliation Report, binder with Check Register and  
receipts, Budget vs. Actual report

*Comment - Eric Rohal asked to clarify line item regarding offering box contributions given.*

*Comment - Crystal Deubelbiss asked about line item regarding book corner income being low,  
clarification stated that income for book corner has not been tracked as properly as it should,  
rather that it is lumped in with the Offering Box amount.*

*Comment - Michael Marsh asked if we are receiving any support from the diocese. Fr. Joel  
responded that we are not; we are receiving planting grant funds from the national church, but  
only for three years; goal is to mature as a parish and become self-sustaining.*

**Priest’s Report**

Fr. Joel opened with thanking everyone. Presented a gift to the mission of a commissioned hand-  
painted icon of St. Herman of Alaska with relics.

Presented an overview of growth, accomplishments of goals in 2017 (*attached*)

Presented some direction given by Bishop Paul and by the national planting grant (*attached*)

Presented ideas on building space for social hour and church together as well as Pro’s and Con’s  
list on clearing land vs. purchasing Believer’s Praise Center property (*attached*).

*Comment - Eric Rohal asked how much land is included on Believer’s Praise Center property. Fr.  
Joel responded with the estimate of 3 acres, which is bigger than the western plot of land originally  
planned for temple construction.*

*Comment - Lisa Ours made the comment regarding the BPC not being big enough for down the road. Clarification was made that the building would not be the permanent temple, but rather would just be the permanent hall, then still build a permanent temple on the BPC property.*

*Comment - Natalie Heib asked to clarify that the BPC property would not be our permanent temple space, but that we would still be looking to build a proper temple several years from now*

*Comment - Eric Rohal asked if we should set up a building fund now. All responded positively to doing so.*

*Comment - Michael Marsh asked if we could use land to the south of the current church building to put a building or trailer for social hour. Fr. Joel said that Bishop Paul had suggested renting a trailer for this purpose and put it here, however we would be renting, we would still have to have a separate septic and well. All agreed this was not optimal.*

Fr. Joel asked everyone to use the Nativity Fast to pray about the constraints given by Bishop Paul and the Planting Grant, then set up a meeting with him before the end of 2017 to discuss:

1. Your volunteering for particular jobs in the church, and your personal goals for participation in Outreach, Stewardship, Leadership, and Education (*training sessions to be scheduled in 2018*).
2. Your input and preferences on the presented building ideas

### New Business

Mission Council Members: Approved.

New Secretary: Nadia Nasser

New Members of the Mission Council: Lisa Ours, Antonina Lekakh, Linda Wells

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (*attached*). Approved

*Comment - Presvytera Tessi made comment that book corner costs could go down if we have space for a church library. Fr. Joel made the point that the space is in the works and will be done soon.*

*Comment - Presvytera Tessi made the point that the budget does not account for a building fund for social hour.*

*Comment - Linda Wells asked Fr. Joel to tell about the incredible growth happening in Russia. Fr. Joel shared about the numbers of new churches in Russia, in comparison to the level of income and numbers of people in the churches.*

*Comment - Michael Marsh asked if we would still be moving forward with our iconostasis in this space. Fr. Joel said this was the plan and has been approved, but asked for input as to whether people think we should still do it. All responded affirmatively since it will be able to be moved.*

New Business: Jean Rohal suggested adjustment to by-laws to say that the Sunday in November is able to be flexible. Jean Rohal firsts, Lisa Ours seconds. Approved.

### Closing

Fr. Joel ended with "It is truly meet" and dismissal.