



General Monthly Youth Meeting

Monday, 6 June 2011



General Monthly Meeting Details		
Monday, 6 June 2011	7.30pm – 9.30pm	SN Church, Punchbowl
Meeting called by	John Daher	
Type of meeting	Monthly general meeting	
Facilitator	John Daher + Mark Semaan	
Note taker(s)	Natalie El-Roueihib/Rana Bou-Ghosn	
Timekeeper	N/A	
Apologies	Sally Daher, Zouzou Attallah, Jomana Daher, George Daher, Najwa Nahas, Christine Eskaff, Paul Georges, Joe Eskaff, Margaret Jabbour, Johnny Beylouni	
Commenced	7.50pm	
Adjourned	9.50pm	

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Previous Month – Action Items			
DATE:	<u>May 2011</u>		
Committee	Action Item	Comments	Complete?
Executive	Pass on fee for \$700 (half of total cost) required to replace fence we share with a neighbor to parish council	<i>No longer have to make this payment thanks to Father John</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasury	Make outstanding payment to Deb's Castles – finally got back to us and threatening us for a cheque (\$1,400) – has been delayed due to incidents and poor service they had on the day as well as late setup and commencement.	<i>Been chasing for months – have made contact, still awaiting discussions (outstanding)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Email Tania Mihailuk – congratulate her on her winning	TBA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caretakers	Research cost of purchasing a chainsaw for the church – to decide on purchase or not next meeting	<i>Probably not necessary, but when required will revisit</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Choir	Prepare for upcoming Saint Elias choir concert	<i>Rescheduled to Friday 27 May (Wollongong)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communications	SC to meet up and delegate roles to interested members <i>**To occur this month (June)**</i>	<i>Projector needs to be set up – suggested after renovations as there is too much going on in the church house</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Add Norm as Admin in Facebook group	<i>Still outstanding: to be discussed in the communications committee meeting</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Revamp project for website -ongoing	<i>Khristo willing to help train</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Khristo to renew Father John's email address subscription	<i>\$28 receipt available for reimbursement</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communications	John to sit with Khristo / communications committee and setup update procedure for uploading weekly parish bulletin online (provided by Father John)	<i>Ongoing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Give Picasa account details to Assaad Attallah to update and maintain parish website gallery going forward	TBA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	New – newsletter committee to get together asap and brainstorm ideas and process for producing and maintaining a parish newsletter.	<i>Expressions of interest: Daniel, Ashley, Isabel **To meet up in coming weeks and discuss ideas/layout/ action plan, etc</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>





Community Service	Finish pamphlet for feeding the homeless service and get approval – hand out in time for next shift		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Service	Isabel to work out best date for Punchbowl's biggest sebheyeh with Natalie and lock in calendar	<i>Isabel prefers a Saturday</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Service	Put together hamper of Maronite statues of the Resurrection, etc, for Attar Moussa who organised the t-shirts for us	<i>Let Abouna know once Isabel gets his address – would like to visit with her</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Youth	Meet up asap – need to start planning for Jr Youth Movie event	<i>2 members min is fine and invite John to come along</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious	Look into and finalise bus transportation for monastery trip – see if St Mary's mini bus is available.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Events	Find a hall for trivia if Church hall is not available before the 12 of June: – Punchbowl Boys – Croydon Park – St Euphimia – stated better option **Fr John to speak with contact	<i>Cancelled</i>	X
Social Events	Decide and book venue for youth dinner (25 May)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social Events	Decide and book venue for annual youth dinner (30 July)	<i>Speak to Wendy Daoud for the Grand Royale – has already reserved date for us</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sports	Committee needs to meet up and vote for a Chairperson before next event	<i>Mark responsible to organise meeting – planned for Friday 6 May</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sports	Need to choose a new date for the Indoor Sports event due to clash with Retreat weekend.	<i>Bechara to talk to his school about hiring hall for an indoor soccer competition scheduled on 24 June</i>	X
YC General	Open up our common questions to the public – put together and print out a few multiple choice questions on an A5 page and survey parishioners each Sunday evening after liturgy service for a month.	<i>Mark to coordinate Daniel Simo happy to print off when finalised</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
YC General	Reestablish the meet and greet committee – Micha, Chadi, Bechara, Mark, Norm (we should all be doing this as well)	<i>Before the liturgy ends – be at the back ready to catch them on the way out Greet them, try and establish a relationship with them **Ongoing**</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>





Upcoming Month – Action Items			
DATE:	June 2011		
Committee	Action Item	Comments	Complete?
Executive	John Daher – think about video clips about Saint Nicholas – eg. Service, worship, youth, etc	Not urgent – ongoing. To commence after August	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasury	Run charity/missionary collection bi-monthly (once every 2 months) – starting this week	Decide on amount/frequency (plan is to run a separate mission/caritas collection once every 2 months – haven't had one for a while)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Youth	Junior Youth committee to meet up in the coming month to commence planning for October movie night		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clergy	Tapes for Father John – outstanding		<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Set up paypal functionality on website for public donations	Discuss the possibility of multiple destination accounts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive	To plan and decide on upcoming election date		<input type="checkbox"/>





Opening Discussion

Opening All – led by John Daher

Discussion

1. **Opening prayer (led by Father John)**
2. **Run down / agenda and apologies** (led by John)
3. **Run through upcoming dates** (led by John and Secretary)

John gave an overview of the meeting – subcommittee reports, upcoming events, etc.

Annual General Meeting elections- executive committee to discuss the date further, to be held either in September or November.

Natalie: anyone who is interested in a particular role please don't hesitate to let the committee know. John has put together a book defining the roles and responsibilities of each position so feel free to have a look at this.

Conclusions

N/A

Executive Committee Report

5 minutes Executive Committee

N/A – ran through dates in General Business section.



**Clergy's report****Ongoing****Fr John Karaan****Spiritual message + Clergy report**

Abouna- Establish foundation of the newsletter

- Patristic sayings i.e. sayings of the Father
- Include, Life of the Saints each month
- Wisdom of the Month

Abouna to have a look at the newsletter prior to publishing anything! Letter to be published at the start of each month.

Abouna: it is important and crucial to use wisdom to say the truth. The newsletter is "Nice, simple and good".

Ideas/Thoughts

A simple video for St Nicholas church, depicting humble origins (esp. homeless) to growing as an individual spiritually and being a part of the church e.g. the Youth committee or choir or Sunday school.

This idea was influenced by John Daher's video for Sally and Youssef's wedding.

The video will represent the mission of what St Nicholas church is doing.

Also, video recording a segment of the church service on Sun. evenings and publishing this on the St Nicholas website.

St Nicholas church is collecting a tray for the Mission/Archdiocese.

Concern raised by Mark- the youth is only collecting money from the liturgies.

Jane- raised the point, the morning service to collect a second tray.

Abouna's reply, it is difficult to educate the attendees of the morning service about 'The Mission', i.e. the Philippines.

Final consensus amongst the committee members – to collect a tray once every 2 months for the Mission. Abouna agrees.

Mark proposes that someone announces at each service before tray collection that the money donated will be going towards the Mission.

Needs to be scheduled this Sunday.

Positives:

Good dialogue between us and the Greek Orthodox community. We need to continue to strengthen this relationship. In doing so, we deliver our message more effectively- education!

Everyone feels a home at St Nicholas 😊



**Treasury Report****5 minutes** **N/A (Christine Eskaff gave apologies)****Monthly Financial Report (Summary): May 2011***(April report below – no May report given)*

	\$AUD
Opening Balance	12,646.17
Income*	915.90
<i>Less: Expenses**</i>	<i>(9,519.08)</i>
Closing Balance (April 2011)	<u>4,042.99</u>

* Income Sources: Collection trays – not many as no liturgy on Palm Sunday and Pascha, etc.

** Expenses: Bills (AGL energy and Optus), donation to St Nicholas Parish Council (for **\$8,646.17**)

No report given this month as Christine was unable to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.
To receive May and June report in July GM.

*Motioned by**N/A**Seconded by**N/A***ACOFY Committee Report****5 minutes** **John Daher**Retreat happening on the last weekend of June (24-26th)

Calendar to come up on the Arch-diocese website soon if not already there.

*Motioned by**N/A**Seconded by**N/A***Altar Boys Committee Report****5 minutes** **Mark Semaan**

Nothing to report.

*Motioned by**N/A**Seconded by**N/A*

**Bookshop Committee Report****5 minutes****Natalie El-Roueihib (on behalf of Sally Daher – given apology)**

1. Sally and Zouzou have been away for 2 weeks – Natalie has been filling in when possible.
2. Last week (Sunday, 29th June) were unable to open the bookshop due to rain and a wedding.
Opened up shop during/after morning and evening liturgies. Made a number of sales and logged these in Sally's book.
3. Natalie picked up icon delivery – Monday 6 June.
 - a. Orders to be distributed by Sally upon her return.
 - b. General stock to be priced and sold accordingly upon Sally and Zouzou's return.
4. John and Natalie purchased the following on behalf of the bookshop in Sally and Zouzou's absence (in liaison with them prior to purchasing).

Items purchased:

- 2 x trolleys
- 1 x mobile shelf trolley
- 1 x metal display box and hooks/arms
- Plastic icon stands
- Other fixtures and fittings

Executive purchases:

- Large blackboard to advertise current/upcoming events
- Mobile step stool

Receipts retained and to coordinate reimbursements with Sally and Christine

5. Father John handed Natalie \$40 for a Saint Nicholas icon he sold previously (he said Sally is aware of this). Natalie has put the money in the bookshop kitty.

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Communications Committee Report			
5 minutes	Khristo Zakhour		
Emails			
N/A			
Website			
Website: www.stnicholaspunchbowl.org.au			
New things on the website:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Email log-in2. Blog on-site- home page, comment using Facebook account. (Khristo will be monitoring).3. Business Directory- can advertise your own business4. 'Like' button5. Use PayPal for online money transfer (discuss having multiple accounts)			
Roles and responsibilities:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Home Saidie Daher will be in charge of this section2) Gallery Mr. Assad Attallah will be in charge of this section3) Youth Natalie El-Roueihib will be in charge of this section4) Login Khristo Zakhour will be in charge of this section			
We still haven't decided on whose responsible for the following pages:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parish Services- About Us- Orthodox Faith- Facebook Blog (Communication Blog)- Business Content			
General Discussion			
The Communication Committee have agreed to meet again on the 20 th June at 7PM in the Sunday School Room (2 weeks from now) to discuss on how to edit and maintain individual pages on the St Nicholas website. Moving forward...			
The Communication Committee have agreed to upgrade the standard St Nicholas website to premium. Once upgraded, there will be more access to features. This includes larger storage, a personal domain name and extra contents (will discuss in the next general meeting). Total cost will be \$115.95 for 1 year subscription.			
The Communications Committee will soon be working on video and music content for the St Nicholas website.			
Motioned by	N/A	Seconded by	N/A



**Community Service Committee Report**

5 minutes

Isabel Antoun

Upcoming events**Punchbowl's biggest Sabheyeh – looking into final dates, either Sat. 2nd or Sat. 9th of July.**

Need to promote the event as soon as possible- pamphlets (Anthony Ishak to design).

Morning Tea event open up to all people including other churches. This is to be a casual event, held in the church house.

Purpose: to raise money for SOS kids in Lebanon.

Cost: Approx. \$10/person

Also, small raffle prizes to be organized to further raise money.

Youth committee members to be involved in bringing food to this event.

Junior Youth Committee Report

5 minutes

Ashley Saliba

Report:

- Apologises – has been very busy and not receiving a lot of support from other members in the committee (other commitments).
- Are ok to commit to the 27th/29th October – keen to stick to the movie event. Are thinking of holding it at Reading Cinema, Auburn + meal at Alcatraz right next door afterwards
- Ashley- to call and ask for cost and if they can provide snack packs for the attendees. If not, then the junior youth committee is willing to make them.
- Committee to meet soon and start planning. Movie needs to be suitable for junior youth audience.
- Any child under the age of 12 years needs to have a guardian.
- Need to confirm with Auburn Reading Cinemas and Alcatraz the exact number of people that can attend.
- Ashley said no members respond to her text messages requesting help and organisation of meetings. Catherine Attallah offered to help and join the committee.
- Committee members include: Ashley Saliba, Nicholas Bitar, Georgette Bitar, Saidie Daher & Catherine Attallah.

Discussion:

- Ashley to organize a meeting for Wed. 9th June and report back to John & Nat
- Need suggestions for a movie, still undecided.





Religious Committee Report

5 minutes

Micha Chalhoub

Next scheduled event: Monastery visit

- Saturday, 18 June 2011. Only have the St George Annual Function that evening.
- Bus organised leaving at 7:30am from St Nicholas, Punchbowl

August 2011: Vigil planning (in English)

Retreat 2011 – Bus leaves on Fri. 24th and comes back to St Nicholas parish on the Sunday afternoon.

Speakers include Fr. Isaac, Fr. Vasilios and Fr. Nabil.

Fr. John would like to be involved in some way...

Social Events Committee Report

5 minutes

Anthony Ishak

Karaoke/Trivia night has been cancelled due to unavailability of a hall and time constraints.

Youth Hafleh

- **Date:** 30th July 2011
- **Location:** Grand Royale Booked, in the process of organizing a DJ and entertainment including tabel performance
- Need to meet with the reception to finalise details of pricing, etc.

Sports Committee Report

5 minutes

Bechara Bittar on behalf of Margaret Jabbour (absent)

- Committee members: Johnny Beylouni, Tony Beylouni, Joe Eskaff, Norm Elias, Misha
- In the process of organising 'Jungle Gym'
- Ideas to be organised after jungle gym starts:
 - o Indoor competition
 - o Table tennis comp.
 - o Bay run
 - o Amazing race
- Survey for Jungle Gym at church this week

Sunday School Committee Report

5 minutes

John Daher (on behalf of Najwa Nahas – given apology)

- Difficulties at the moment with rooms due to construction.
- Continuing to hold Sunday School lessons as best as possible.
- Najwa requests a copy of the key for the church house and office due to Sunday School needs, in particular to open for Sunday School and access required to photocopier.

