

Minutes of the joint meeting of Church Council and Parish Trust of London Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God and the Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia  
London, 14 December 2008.

**Attended**

Father Nikolay Savchenko, Father Peter Baulk, Trustee Gregory Wolcough, Churchwarden Vera McClenaghan, Ktitor Pavel Lisitsin, Secretary Oleksiy Danylenko, Vassiliy Starodubtsev, Alexey Samarenko

**Absent**

Treasurer Andrei Rodzianko, Subdeacon Alexander Shadrin, Trustee Sofia Goodman, Trustee Nicholas Yellachich, Head Sister Tatiana Holodny, Choir Director Anna Kobrina, Mikhail Apukhtin, Alissa Turgeneva

**Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by prayer at 13:15.

**Accommodation of Fr. Nikolay**

Visa application by Fr. Nikolay's family was rejected because of lack of supporting documents regarding the accommodation of the family in London. Fr. Nikolay will meet a solicitor on 15 December to discuss the appeal. Gregory Wolcough will finalise a supporting letter and relevant documents, including the deed confirming the church house ownership and the latest audited financials of the parish.

**Church decoration**

Pavel Lisitsin suggested speeding up work on the chandeliers for the upper church, given that we have received the GBP 50k donation for that. He suggested 2009 Easter as a target deadline. At the same time, HE Vladyka Mark preferred to agree on the design of the chandeliers together with the overall design of the decoration of the upper church. Fr. Nikolay will discuss design alternatives with HE Vladyka Mark.

We need to discuss wall painting project in full detail at the next meeting.

**Leakage in the church roof**

Andrei should be able to clarify what repair is required, as soon as he recovers. Vera McClenaghan will discuss the timing with Andrei. Pavel Lisitsin mentioned a GBP 1,500 quote by Roy to repair the drain, but it is not clear at the moment if this is really what we need. In the meantime, other proposals are welcome.

**Miscellaneous**

Alexander Shadrin should provide Andrei Rodzianko with copies of all collection box keys.

Mikhail Apukhtin should re-programme the church heating system to increase the floor temperature during Sunday services.

**The next meeting**

The next joint meeting of Church Council and Parish Trust is scheduled for 4 January 2009 and the one after next is planned for 1 February 2009.

**Closing of the meeting**

The meeting was closed by prayer at 14:30