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Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 19, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. Irenaeus Cox

Parish Council Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Stacey Loukoumidis (Recording), Peter Aamodt, Chris Chryssovergis, Frank Cook, Jim Gelis, David Greene, Matthew Neuendorf, John Sakelos, Nick Sarakatsannis

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

Absent: Justin Bates, Peter Rodish, Maria Moyer, Chris Jonson

PRE-MEETING

Opening Prayer: Father William Cassis gave the opening prayer at the fellowship meal preceding the meeting.

Call to Order: Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:58

President's Remarks: Andy Stefanopoulos spoke about visiting the old church on Reading Road. It is falling apart and it really put how great our church is into perspective. He wishes other parishioners could see how poorly maintain the old church is and realize we have to put the money, time and effort into keeping ours beautiful.

Secretary's Report:

- **Minutes:** David Greene moved to accept the May minutes, John Sakelos, seconded motion was approved.
- **Received Correspondence:** Received a letter from Panagia Pantovasilissa Greek Orthodox Church asking us to purchase an ad in their ad book for their Art Auction Fundraiser. We received a thank you letter from Nicholas Pavlakis for the scholarship given to him. There was a letter from the Daughters of Penelope giving a donation to the church for a \$1000.00.

Clergy Remarks:

Father Bill Cassis:

- Father Bill is on call for Louisville, Lexington, and Dayton parishes. So he will be very busy.
- Father hopes that the Stewardship committee is working on getting the campaign ready to roll out in September.
- There will be a steering committee created in December to start with preparations for the 110th year anniversary of the church.

- Father would like for us to come up with plans to improve the hall. Since we are not going to be doing the construction in the hall we need to put together a plan to get the renovations done. He would like that to be on the agenda for August or September.
- The archdiocese has a candidate to be our second priest he is a 2014 graduate of the Seminary William Rebman from Louisville, KY

Father Irenaeus Cox:

- Goya will be canoeing August 23rd, on September 6th they are going to go on the Buddy walk, the fall outing at Niederman farm will be in October. The international luncheon will be 16th November. New officers were elected the President will be Lauren Lysko, Vice Gregory Makris, Treasure George Valcarcel, and secretary is Jamie Mamaligas.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene Nicholas

- The May 2014 financial statements were presented by Eugene Nicholas for review. All Parish Council members received these statements by email.
- Eugene said that May was a good month we had enough to pay our bills.
- Endowment fund is at \$925,401 we can reach 1 million if we push it. Our line of credit is up to \$142,000 if festival raises what is expect we will pay it off. Contract cleaning numbers are because we haven't paid for the brass yet. Salary column is high because there are three pay periods in May.
- Peter Aamodt motioned to approve treasures report, Jim Gelis seconded, motion passed.

Parish Administrator's Report:

- Front doors were cleaned and lacquered for us free. The St. Nicholas icon was fixed in a small area. Father Bill liked what they did and they will be repairing it soon. We have asked them to fix the other icons that need repaired. Project was good and we had a good fundraising.
- The parking lot has been repaired. This was not the year for it to be completely redone. The concrete in parking lot was repaired because of the harsh winter.
- Toddler room furniture is going to have to wait until after festival.
- Give any work orders to Craig.
- The Solea will be repaired on Friday June 20th. We will be purchasing a buffer from the guy who is repairing the Solea.

Old Business:

- There will be a festival meeting Sunday June 22nd any PC available to help on Sunday it would be appreciated.
- Chris talked about the movie premier of My Big Fat Greek Wedding. There are only 50 tickets left.
- There will be dancing on Fountain Square on Wednesday June 25th.

New Business:

- Peter Aamodt made the motion that we compensate Chris for 40 hours additional work related to this year's festival. Nick Sarakatsannis seconded it. There was an email vote and it passed
- Peter Aamodt made a motion that we give Chris Jonson 2 weeks of vacation (20 hours per week). Jim Gelis seconded. We will table motion until HR meets to discuss.

Committees

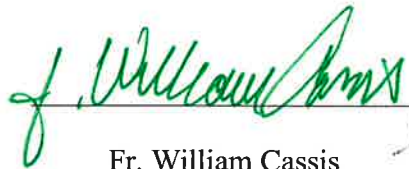
- Stewardship: Our average pledge and stewardship goal are both up from last year. We are going to ask Ron Harb to come up from Little Rock to possibly do a presentation to the parish about stewardship. Father thinks that we need to have a luncheon to get stewardship up. Peter would like to have someone step forward to take over stewardship program. All of our numbers are up from 2013.
- Building Committee: Jim found the 2007 report he also spoke to Sam Boulmetis and he will put drawings on to a disc. Jim doesn't think they will meet their plan of being finished before festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Chris Chryssovergis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Closing prayer: Father Irenaeus offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Andy Stefanopoulos
President



Stacey Loukoumidis
Secretary