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Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 16, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. Irenaeus Cox

Parish Council Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Stacey Loukoumidis (Recording), Peter Aamodt, Justin Bates, Frank Cook, Jim Gelis, David Greene, Maria Moyer, Matthew Neuendorf, Peter Rodish,

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas, Chris Jonson

Absent: Chris Chryssovergis, John Sakelos, Nick Sarakatsannis

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 7:03.

President's Remarks: Andy just wanted to mention that GA is Sunday and we need to mingle with the parish.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes: Peter Rodish moved to approve the September minutes as received, Peter Aamodt seconded, and the motion passed.
- Received Correspondence: There were no correspondences.

Clergy Remarks:

Father Bill Cassis:

- Father Bill mentioned that we are going to be building a shrine at ground zero. It will be the first international, national, and orthodox shrine. It will be open 24/7, 365 days a year. The Archdiocese will be asking each parish for a \$10,000 contribution to the project. Projected completion date is late 2016/early 2017.

Father Irenaeus Cox:

- Father I mentioned that GOYA is going to Neiderman Farm on Saturday and they still need chaperones for the event.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Rodish

- David Greene motioned to accept report as received, Maria Moyer seconded. Motion passed.

Parish Administrator's Report:

- We haven't touched our line of credit lately because of our great fundraising. Plus it is the beginning of our stewardship campaign.
- We have had 4 women volunteer to run our food pantry. We had 70 people come through the pantry. We are going to be doing the Thanksgiving meals again.
- General Assembly is Sunday and we will need 7 nominations for Parish Council and several committees. Eugene could use some help with signing people in.

Old Business:

- We have sold 854 tickets for the raffle serving 970 meals. We raised 40,250. The GOYAnS did an excellent job serving the dinner.
- Maria checked on the legalities of our line of credit. As long as we own the Endowment fund we can use it for security. There are still some questions we have that we are looking into.

New Business:

- Justin Bates moved to make an increase in Father Irenaeus housing allowance to \$18,000 per year. David Greene seconded and the motion passed.

Committees

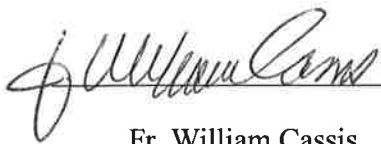
- Stewardship: we have \$16,000 more than last year. We have the same number of stewards so our average is up. We have had 41 people pledge so far 4 being PC members. The mailing has gone out to all 900 families. We are planning a stewardship luncheon in November.
- Building Committee: Jim presented a concept board showing the committees ideas. They need to decide what all is going to be updated and then go from there. Jim is going to get something together to present at the GA meeting. He would like to get some focus groups together to get their input with the changes. Jim also had an evaluation and estimate done for our HVAC system. The systems are very old ranging from 14 years old to 42 years old. The system we have now is not running efficiently or to full capacity. By replacing the old system we will be improving efficiency, and better for the environment. Justin moved to have Feldkamp install all new HVAC units at \$114,000.00. Matthew Neuendorf seconded. Eugene recommended we ask at the General Assembly meeting for a \$50,000 increase in our line of credit to cover potential operational expenses. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

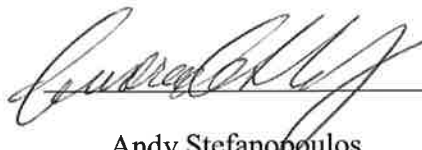
Call to adjourn: Peter Aamodt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37, Justin Bates seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Closing prayer: Father Irenaeus offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Andy Stefanopoulos
President



Stacey Loukoumidis
Secretary