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Parish Council Meeting Minutes December 18, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. William Redman

Parish Council Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Stacey Loukoumidis (Recording), Karen Aamodt, Peter Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chrysosvergis, Jim Gelis, David Greene, Christine Masella, Jessica Mavridoglou, Maria Moyer, Matthew Neuendorf, Nektarios Papasavvas, and Nick Sarakatsannis

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

Absent: Frank Cook, Chris Jonson, Peter Rodish, John Sakelos,

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 say it has been a great four years. He feels like we really accomplished a lot of our goals this year. He wanted to thank everyone for a successful year. Andy added a special thank you to Jim Gelis and Peter Aamodt.

Nick Sarakatsannis, on behalf of the PC, presented Andy with the gift of a mounted gavel.

Secretary's Report:

- **Minutes:** Matthew Neuendorf moved to accept the October minutes as received, Maria Moyer seconded, and the motion passed. David Greene moved to accept November minutes as corrected, Nick Sarakatsannis seconded and the motion passed.
- **Received Correspondence:** Letter from Father William Redmon thanking us for his ordination and reception.
- Letter from The Sisterhood of Presbyters thanking us for the donation. It was the largest donation they have ever received.
- We received a card from Father Sakellariou thanking us for the gift we sent him for his ordination.

Clergy Remarks:

Father Bill Cassis

- Father said Andy did a great job as well as Parish Council.
- Thanked us for support of Father Irenaeus, it made a huge difference.
- The Christmas schedule is Christmas Eve 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Christmas morning 8:30 am.
- We will be swearing in new PC members on Sunday.

Father William Redman:

- Father acquainted with JOY/HOPE they made Christmas cards. He is very impressed with the leadership.
- He went to GOYA Christmas party it was a lot of fun.
- GOYA basketball have not heard back from INDY regarding their tournament if we don't hear back our next tourney will be in Dayton.
- Father is trying to get an OCF here; he needs approval from the Metropolis.
- The reading group will be restarted on Mondays.
- He will write a youth column each month of what is going on and what is coming up.
- GOYA retreat will be March 14th 9-2.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene Nicholas

- We are close to being balanced for next year, even with the unexpected expense of the roof and HVAC. Jim Gelis motioned to accept report as received, David Greene seconded. Motion passed.

Parish Administrator's Report:

- Outreach has been very successful we had 284 meals distributed for Thanksgiving. We have 284 people on the Christmas list with 15 on the waiting list. We hope to distribute 300 meals. We have received \$2,716 this year from the Kroger Reward program. On average we have 68 families participating. We have received \$8,036 in donations for the Pantry from our Parishioners. We have spent \$9,453 in supplies so far this year. The pantry is self-sustaining ministry and does not draw from general fund.
- Feldkamp continues to wrap up the project. Two units are still not in place. All the thermostats still need to be replaced and the control for the bathroom needs to be installed. The vent work is complete. We have paid 50% (\$56,900) the balance will be due 90 days after completion. He fore sees the project being completed by end of the month. Our final payment will be due in March. We have taken \$50,000 from the line of credit to make the first payment.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- Justin Bates moved to make an increase in Craig Sansone's hourly wage from \$14.00 to \$15.00. Peter seconded and the motion passed.
- Justin Bates moved to make a motion to increase father Williams housing allowance from \$3562 for 2014, \$15,600 for 2015 Jim Gelis second. Motioned passed.

Committees

Stewardship:

- We potential will have the seconded highest stewardship received in our parish.
- Our number of households that have sent in pledge cards is 164 which is higher than what we had pledge last year.
- Peter thanked every member of the committee and the council for all the effort they put in throughout the year.
- Andy thanked Peter for his hard work on behalf of the committee and the council.

Building Committee:

- Committee met with Father Bill to discuss the vision and goals of the committee.
- Jim will be meeting with the various parish organizations to discuss the plans and what their wants and needs.
- Jim wants to get a budget together to present at the Spring GA meeting.
- Jim wants to get feedback from other groups on what direction we want to go.
- Chris Chrysovergis mentioned that if we are going to be spending money we should do it now since money is at an all-time low right now.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Maria Moyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06, Nick Sarakatsannis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:06.

Closing prayer: Father William offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Andy Stefanopoulos
President

Stacey Loukoumidis
Secretary