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Parish Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. William Redmon.

Members present: Jim Gelis (Presiding), Karen Aamodt (Recording), Justin Bates, David Greene, Stacey Loukoumidis, Jessica Mavridoglou, Michael Mavridoglou, Matthew Neuendorf, Peter Rodish.

Member absent: Christine Masella, Nektarios Papasavvas.

PRE-MEETING

Opening Prayer: Fr. Bill gave the opening prayer at the fellowship meal preceding the meeting.

MEETING

Call to order: Jim Gelis called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

President's remarks: President Jim Gelis welcomed all those present and said that Frank Cook will always be with us. Jim also gave a brief re-cap of Holy Week and noted that the Agape Luncheon was a successful event.

Secretary's report:

- Minutes: the minutes of the March 2015 meeting were approved unanimously as previously distributed and corrected. Matthew Neuendorf made the motion for approval, Stacey Loukoumidis seconded, and the motion passed.
- Correspondence was received from Fr. Bill and his family thanking the Parish Council for the flowers sent for his mother's funeral.

Clergy remarks:

Fr. Bill:

- Thanked the Parish Council for always being at services during Holy Week to handle ushering and tray duties.
- Suggested that the Parish Council present a gavel and plaque to Karen Cook at the time of the 40-day memorial for her husband, Frank Cook.
- Informed the Parish Council of several requests for funds and made the following suggestions: \$250 to support the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, and \$250 to support Parishioner Christopher Vlachos during his mission trip to Albania.
- Flowers and a gift card should be presented to Cara Chryssovergis on the last day of Sunday Church School to show her our appreciation of all she has done as Director.

- His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit will visit us April 25-26 and hopefully will attend the Goya Taverna Night.

Fr. William:

- Thanked Fr. Bill for allowing him to return home between Holy Week services for breaks to rest.
- There has been no meeting of the Reading Group for a few weeks, but they will resume this coming Monday.
- HOPE & JOY will have their final meeting in May.
- This weekend, GOYA will accept officer nominations and will hold elections in May. GOYA camp applications are not yet available but will be soon with a deadline of May 31.
- Thanked Cara Chrysosovergis and Peter Aamodt for organizing the Oratorical Festival and thanked Cara again for chairing Vacation Bible Church School.

Treasurer's report:

- Peter Rodish presented the March 31, 2015, report.
 - We have moved \$52,000 from the line of credit to the checking account in order to pay Feldkamp for the remaining balance for the HVAC units on the roof.
 - The Holy Week donations received this year were \$36,000 versus \$45,000 last year, or a reduction of \$9,000.
 - We are down \$20,000 in stewardship from this point last year.
- Jessica Mavridoglou moved to accept the report, David Greene seconded, and the motion passed.

Parish Administrator's report:

The complete report was distributed in advance via email. We need to develop a succession and crisis management plan. Eugene's recent health situation is a good example of what we need to deal with this in the future.

New Business:

- It was moved by Peter Rodish and seconded by Stacey Loukoumidis that we give \$250 to support the oratorical festival. The motion passed.
- It was moved by David Greene and seconded by Jessica Mavridoglou that we donate \$250 towards the expenses of Christopher Vlachos' mission trip to Albania. The motion passed.
- It was moved by Peter Rodish and seconded by Michael Mavridoglou that we purchase a gift card to present to Cara Chrysosovergis in an amount to be approved by Eugene, after researching how much has been given in the past. The motion passed.
- We now have a vacancy on the Parish Council. Justin Bates nominated Nick L. Sarakatsannis and Michael Mavridoglou seconded the nomination. Peter Rodish contacted him by telephone and Nick confirmed that he would be honored to serve on the Parish Council, and Nick was subsequently elected to the Parish Council.

Old Business:

- The Annual Car Raffle: Karen Aamodt announced that Lew Parsenios has agreed to co-chair the car raffle event with Peter Aamodt. Both will be invited to the May meeting. Discussion followed.

Committee reports:

- Building & Grounds: Jim Gelis reported on recent progress. The Building committee consists of Fr. Bill, Fr. William, Alex Christoforidis, Brad Fielden, George Haralamos, Ron Masella and Jim Gelis. They have identified three main tasks: the priests, Ron Masella and Jim Gelis will be responsible for the scope of the project and the budget, acting as the client's (the Church's) representative. Brad Fielding will review the plans and drawings throughout the project to ensure that we stay on track. Alex Christoforidis will write the project proposal and design.
- Special Events: Karen Aamodt gave a report on the Agape Luncheon. The financials are not quite finished but will be soon. Pat Assaley won the Gourmet Easter Basket Raffle, and Marie Tsacalis won the Jellybean Jar guessing game.

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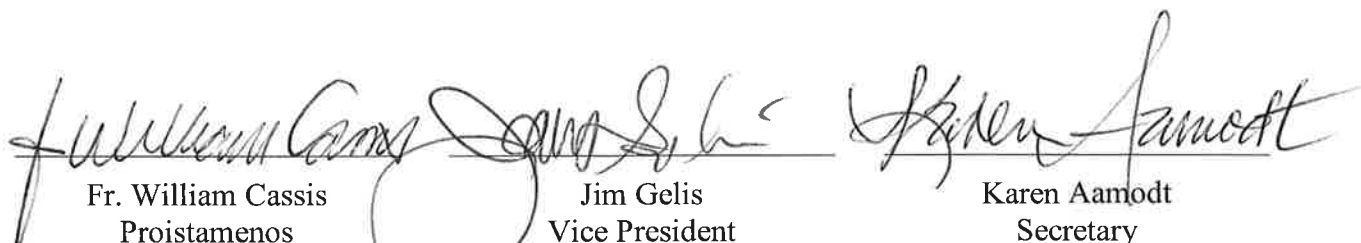
All present agreed that the meal of leftovers from the Agape Luncheon was delicious, again.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: the motion to adjourn was made by Peter Rodish at 8:59 pm and seconded by Michael Mavridoglou. The motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. William Redmon offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis Jim Gelis Karen Aamodt
Proistamenos Vice President Secretary