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Parish Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2015

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Members absent: Chris Chrysosovergis, Frank Cook, David Greene and Nektarios Papasavvas.

Parish Staff: Chris Jonson, Eugene Nicholas.

PRE-MEETING

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

Presentation: Peter Aamodt presented a re-cap of the 2014 Stewardship effort and recommendations for 2015.

MEETING

Call to order: Jim Gelis called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Swearing In: Fr. Bill administered the oath of office to Michael Mavridoglou.

President's remarks: In the absence of President Frank Cook, Vice President Jim Gelis welcomed all present to the first Parish Council meeting of 2015.

Secretary's report:

- **Minutes:** the minutes of the December 18, 2014, meeting was approved unanimously as previously distributed and read. Peter Rodish made the motion and Stacey Loukoumidis seconded.
- **Correspondence:** a letter of congratulations from Archon and former Parish Council President Gus Perdikakis was read and placed on file.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. William Redmon
 - Reported on GOYA; their basketball scrimmage went well, the Dayton basketball tournament is coming up in mid-February, and it is important that their officers build a culture of youth leadership.
 - The 2015 GOYA Taverna Night fundraiser will be held on February 21. This is their most important fundraiser. Fr. William thanked Eugene for his extensive assistance.
 - The HOPE & JOY group presently has limited attendance, but there are plans to grow this group. He shared a new informational brochure for grades K-6. He will request SCS information from Director Cara Chrysovergis in order to contact families. Discussion followed with input from members with young children.

Treasurer's report:

- Peter Rodish presented the December 2014 financial statements for review. The yearly total for 2014 increased by \$67K over the previous year. Eugene explained the mechanics of the report for benefit of new members. The report was approved unanimously.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas explained how he assists with the year-end transition by communicating with one Parish Council to the next.
- The Outreach Ministry distributed 302 meals for Christmas, with an additional eight hams. \$746 was remaining from 2014, and \$500 of it has already been used to restock the Food Pantry. We have two pallets of food arriving from an anonymous donation.
- HVAC renovation: the Feldkamp Company is nearly done with the work. New thermostats are in, but regulators are still needed for the bathrooms, and some controls are still in progress.
- Panegyri: Butter for the pastries has been purchased at a bargain price. Radio ads have been booked, and we will utilize the Alleen Company to handle all of the permits for a nominal cost. This will save us in terms of time and expense.
- Utilities: Since natural gas prices are likely to rise, we have locked in a rate of \$4.49 per MCF with our broker Utilities Group for 18 months. This is a savings of \$.50 per MCF.
- Eugene clarified the status of our Facilities & Maintenance staff: Chris Jonson is the building manager and his position has changed to part-time. Chris now does not perform any heavy lifting. In light of this, we have hired Craig Sansone on a part-time basis to assist, Craig is also working on Sundays; so if there is a need for something, see Craig on Sundays and not Chris.
- Eugene briefly discussed Narthex Captain duties, dinner sponsorships, committee sign-ups and duties. We will have a tour of the Church campus at the February meeting.

New Business:

- Karen Aamodt moved to reinstate the Agape Luncheon; Christine Masella seconded. Discussion followed. The motion passed. Karen Aamodt and Christine Masella will co-chair the event. Eugene reported that the Montgomery Inn is available to cater the event this year. Michael Mavridoglou volunteered to provide music for dancing. Fr. Bill stated that the Agape Service would then be scheduled for twelve o'clock in the afternoon, with the luncheon beginning at approximately one o'clock and ending at four o'clock. Fr. Bill shared that he had received much feedback from the Parish community when the event was not hosted in 2014. Fr. Bill will meet with the committee to discuss the details of the event.
- The Annual Car Raffle: we need a chairperson as soon as possible. The Special Events committee will immediately begin working on this.
- The 110th Anniversary of our Parish will take place in 2017, and we will again host a celebration. Planning should begin this year. Fr. Bill will contact his Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit for dates. Details to follow.

Committee reports:


- Stewardship: Discussion took place regarding the materials presented by Peter Aamodt in the Pre-Meeting portion of the evening. A Stewardship Chairman must be in place by the February meeting.
- Building & Grounds: Jim Gelis reported on recent progress: Nick L. Sarakatsannis has obtained pricing for new lighting. The new lighting would pay off in savings within a five to six year period due to rebates and more energy efficient materials. At this time, the plan for restoration of the multi-purpose hall is to present a range of options to the General Assembly. This is in order to receive approval to move forward with the project. A Special General Assembly would then follow to approve a budget and financing. This would require a simple majority vote, and would not require prior funding reserves because this would be for renovation only, not an expansion or new building project. If this were to be done piecemeal, it would be a maintenance project. The current plan is to make all the changes at once in order to save on labor and equipment costs. Typically we solicit three bids for this kind of project.


ADJOURNMENT


Call to adjourn: the motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 pm.

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

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Jim Gelis
Vice President


Karen Aamodt
Secretary