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Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 19, 2015

ATTENDANCE

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

Members present: Jim Gelis (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Karen Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chrysosvergis, David Greene, Christine Masella, Jessica Mavridoglou, Michael Mavridoglou, and Nektarios Papasavvas.

Members absent: Frank Cook, Stacey Loukoumidis, and Peter Rodish.

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas.

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 7:03 pm.

President's remarks:

- Jim said that we need to be thinking about our Parish goals.
- He also informed us that it is touch-and-go with Frank at the moment, so we need to keep him in our prayers.
- The motion to authorize borrowing for the renovation project passed the General Assembly.

Secretary's report:

- Karen Aamodt said that our only received correspondence was the Shepherds Staff publication.
- Minutes were not emailed; instead they were distributed for review at the fellowship meal prior to the meeting. Minor corrections were made. Matthew Neuendorf moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Chris Chrysosvergis seconded, the motion passed.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Bill:
 - Father Bill said that we had an excellent General Assembly, including attendance in excess of what was required for a quorum.
 - He said that he hopes the renovation project will be ready to begin in the fall.
 - Metropolitan NICHOLAS will be visiting on the 25th and 26th of April.
 - Father also distributed and discussed schedules for Holy Week services and trays.

- Fr. William Redmon:
 - Father William informed us that his reading group has been averaging 10-12 people. They are currently reading the Ladder of Divine Ascent.
 - HOPE and JOY have been increasing in attendance consistently from month to month. They plan to do a summer outing of some kind.
 - GOYA officers ran their last meeting, which went well and smoothly.
 - The GOYA retreat had 22 people, with a theme of “in the world but not of the world.”
 - Taverna Night has been postponed to April 25, and the planned movie night will be moved but has not yet received a new date.
 - Father William thanked Peter Aamodt and Cara Chryssovergis for a wonderful Oratorical Festival.

Treasurer’s report:

- Justin presented the report. He said that Peter Rodish is still suffering from vertigo.
- We are behind by about \$10,000 in income.
- Nektarios Papasavvas moved to accept the report, David Greene seconded, the motion passed.

Parish Administrator’s report:

- Eugene informed us that Chris Jonson has been released to come back to work and thinks he can be back next week, pending some scheduling adjustments.
- The sign and front lights have both been fixed.
- Eugene and Craig have developed a plan to do some limited, immediate improvements to the gym bathrooms.
- Eugene said that we will likely have to borrow \$50,000 for the next HVAC payment from the line of credit. Otherwise, cash flow is pretty good right now, so Eugene hasn’t had to tap the line of credit for other things yet.
- Panegyri is pretty much on target for now, though there are two chairmanships that remain uncertain. Parking has a volunteer but no chair. The Dinner Booth needs a chair as well, though Eugene said he has a couple of people in mind to serve as co-chairs. The poster is currently in development, with two prototypes currently being reworked. Craig will run setup for the tents, but the Panegyri chair will have to manage the rest of the setup process. Eugene asked that a couple of people step up and handle coordinating

things this year in place of Frank Cook, either a PC member or two, or parish volunteers. He reiterated Frank's annual statement: this year's festival will be the same festival as last year, only better.

Old Business:

- There was no old business.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

Committee reports:

- Stewardship:
 - Justin Bates gave the report. He said that, compared to last year, pledges are up, but so far we're behind by about \$10,000 in year-to-date donations received, very likely due to the weather.
 - He said that the committee is considering how to introduce the parish youth to stewardship, perhaps in Sunday Church School. Fr. Bill said that he'd be very much in favor of such a program, but that there would be several parents who will push back. He said that in the past he has found envelopes to be very effective. Michael Mavridoglou brought up Stewardship Sundays and the possibility that, on those days, SCS could hold stewardship discussions in each class. Fr Bill suggested that a September stewardship kick-off could involve coordination between the start of the SCS year, sermons, and a general stewardship campaign.
- Building:
 - Jim Gelis reported that the general assembly approved a borrowing limit of \$350,000, so now it is time to get designs and bids, as well as to begin fundraising. He said that he already has a number of volunteers who want to help with the design process.
- Car Raffle:
 - Karen Aamodt reported that the committee met with Andy and Carol, who provided compiled, printed notes. Lou Parsenios signed on as a new co-chair. She said that they also have several volunteers lined up to help in the kitchen.
 - Fr. William said he would make sure that GOYA has the raffle on their calendar.
 - Karen said that there will be a booth for the raffle at Panegyri, and maybe even a special side drawing for those tickets purchased at the festival.
 - The committee is still considering what the total number of tickets available for sale will be.

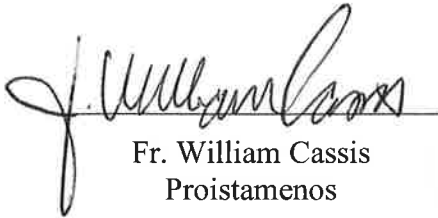
- Agape Luncheon:
 - Karen Aamodt asked for people to volunteer to help with tending bar, taking tickets, and other service duties, as well as games for kids.
 - Reservations will end on Great and Holy Tuesday, before Pascha.

ADJOURNMENT

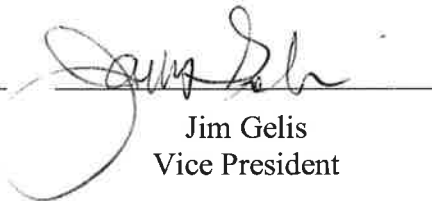
Call to adjourn: Christine Masella moved to adjourn at 8: 17 PM.

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

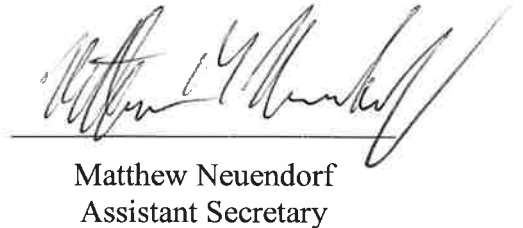
Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Jim Gelis
Vice President



Matthew Neuendorf
Assistant Secretary