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# HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 19, 2015

### ATTENDANCE

**Clergy:** Fr. William Cassis and Fr. William Redmon.

**Members present:** Jim Gelis (Presiding), Karen Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chryssovergis, David Greene, Stacey Loukoumidis, Christine Masella, Jessica Mavridoglou, Michael Mavridoglou, Matthew Neuendorf, Nick L. Sarakatsannis and Peter Rodish.

**Members absent:** Nektarios Papasavvas.

**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 7:00 pm.

#### **President's remarks:**

- Jim complimented Fr. William on celebrating liturgy on his own. He informed the council that we have a short agenda this time but that committee reports will be packed with a lot of information to process. He also reminded us that next month, in December, we will have some important decisions to make.

#### **Secretary's report:**

- Christine Masella moved and David Greene seconded to accept the minutes emailed and revised prior to the meeting, the motion passed.
- There was no correspondence.

#### **Clergy remarks:**

- Fr. Bill:
  - Fr. Bill said that his remarks will be covered under other topics.

- Fr. William:
  - The HOPE/JOY trip to the pumpkin farm went well with 30+ in attendance and a similarly large number in attendance for the GOYA campfire gathering. Our youth groups donated five turkeys and many other foodstuffs to the holiday food drive. Evangelia Ioannides' family hosted an at-home event for HOPE/JOY, and Fr. William hopes to have other families hosting similar events in the future.
  - He also reported that a Christmas movie night is coming up. The Religious Educator/Youth Worker retreat had approximately 30 in attendance including some from Dayton and elsewhere. The OCF meeting was canceled by the president. The Ministry Team meetings are progressing and they hope to get the ministry team to take turns providing articles for Church newsletters.

**Treasurer's report:**

- Peter Rodish presented the Treasurer's report. The line of credit is up to \$22,000 which should be sounding alarms for us. The Endowment Fund balance is up. Nick L. Sarakatsannis and Chris Chryssovergis moved and seconded to accept the report, the motion passed.

**Parish Administrator's report:**

- Parish Administrator Eugene Nicholas reported that the plumbing repairs are still in progress; everything is working again but it is still not finished. The door frame to the side door by the large parking lot has been replaced and has a new push-bar system; new paper towel dispensers were installed for free (\$80 value each) and we have switched to a different vendor for a better price. All PC candidates were elected; the new website went live today, and he reminded us that pledge cards are due by December 6.

**Old Business:**

- President Jim Gelis reported on cost estimates for the community center renovation; a decision is not required at this time. The PC will have to sign off on everything, including the final design, contract, cost, etc., next month. The estimated start date is January 4, 2016, with an estimated end date of April 8, 2016, for substantial completion. Small touch-ups, etc. will be done after that date.

**New Business:**

- There was no new business.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Stewardship** –Our goal has been set at \$500,000. We all agree that it is too low, but we acknowledge that we have to start slowly and increase the goal gradually, over time. We ultimately want and need to be a stewardship-run parish. The committee plans to set up a meeting in a few weeks. The stewardship package has been mailed. Peter Aamodt did a lot of great work preparing the materials. A calling campaign is the next step and the committee wants to send an email blast for the end-of-year. Also a table will be set up in the hall during coffee hour to answer questions and pass out materials. A junior

stewardship program is important for building enthusiasm with our youth to ensure growth in the future.

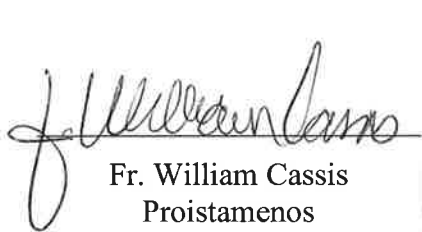
- **Special Events:** Sunday, December 6 is the St. Nicholas Community Concert at 7 pm. James and Janice Kellaris are organizing the music and Karen Aamodt will organize a champagne reception to follow the concert.
- **Building Committee:** The sound system will be a separate contract from the rest of the renovation, so there is no urgency in making decisions. The PA system will likely end up being an even distribution of speakers throughout the room rather than a music system with more advanced directional speakers. An A/V system will include improvements to the small social hall.

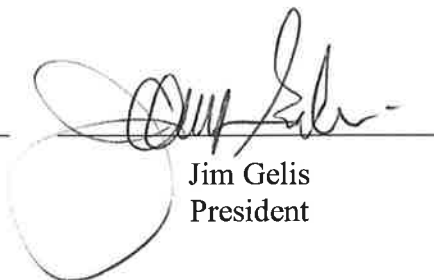
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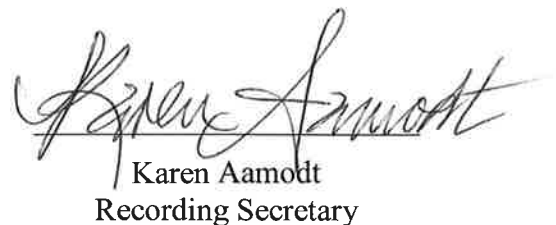
**Call to adjourn:** Peter Rodish moved to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

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

Approved as written,

  
Fr. William Cassis  
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Jim Gelis  
President

  
Karen Aamodt  
Recording Secretary