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Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Bill Cassis, Fr. William Redmon

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

Members absent: George Haralamos

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: Nick L. Sarakatsannis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

President's remarks: Nick thanked everyone for all their help with Father Bill's retirement. He thanked Karen Aamodt for her work on the Metropolitan's reception. He reported we should take heed of His Eminence's words on how to welcome our new priest.

Secretary's report: The meeting minutes from the October meeting were sent out via email. Nektarios Papasavvas moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Peter Rodish. There was correspondence from Fr. Bill and Presvytera Anastasia thanking the Parish Council and parish for the retirement celebration and gift.

Clergy remarks:

Fr. Bill: He reported that Parish Council elections will take place on November 21st; polls close at 2 p.m. On December 11th, we will honor Gus Siegel who will be stepping down after eighteen years as altar boy coordinator. A plaque and an icon have been ordered in his honor. Christmas services will include Christmas Eve and Christmas Day morning liturgies. Fr. Bill thanked everyone for the retirement dinner - it was really wonderful - for our hospitality toward the guest speakers and raved about the new hall.

Fr. William: He reported that the GOYA meeting next week will be in the renovated hall. The international luncheon will be on November 21st. In December, Hope/Joy is having a Charlie Brown Christmas movie night; GOYA's caroling and Christmas event are approaching too.

Treasurer's report: Justin Bates gave the report. The endowment fund temporarily dipped due to election night uncertainty but has largely recovered; the line of credit has a current balance of \$120,000; the building renovation mortgage was signed; otherwise we have encouraging numbers, including stewardship; Giving Tuesday will be November 29th.

Parish Administrator's report:

Philotochos has volunteered to host the welcome Fr. Mark luncheon on January 8th.

Building: Pastrimas has repaired the sanctuary ceiling and donated the cost; Holland Roofing has fixed the leaks over the stage in the gym, which occurred due to deteriorated tuck-pointing on the roof; Eugene would like to pour a slab of concrete in the corner of the parking lot to move the Rumpke recycling bin away from the church sidewalk to the northeast corner of the parking lot. The initial quote is \$1800. The engagement will require excavation and shoring up due to drainage in the area.

Finance: The balance in the North Side general fund is \$254,000; there is an upcoming Cousins payment of \$227,778 for work done in October; the \$350,000 building renovation loan has been processed and was used to pay off the line of credit and all current building renovation balances; the capital improvement fund sits at \$8,800. The building renovation project sits at a \$37,000 shortfall in received payments; we anticipate receiving donations to cover this shortfall prior to the final payment due date. Our monthly loan payment will be \$4750.21; the first payment will be due on December 15. Our capital campaign drive will be crucial to covering and preferably accelerating repayment of the loan.

WI-FI: Another router has been added at the stage, providing WI-FI coverage throughout the gym. There are routers in the bar, on the stage, at the Sunday church school office, and in the Bishop's walk, which covers most of the facility.

Old Business:

Community Hall Renovation – A grand opening still needs to be planned.

Kairos Prison ministry – Jim Gelis hasn't heard anything more at this time.

New Business:

Recycle bin slab – Peter Rodish moved to allow up to \$2,000 for the construction of a concrete slab for the recycle bin; Nektarios Papasavvas seconded; motion passed.

Junior Parish Council seat –Christine Masella mentioned considering establishing a non-voting seat on the Parish Council for a parish youth, possibly the GOYA president.

Vision and strategy committee – Nektarios Papasavvas gave the report. This committee must be run by the parish and the Long Range Planning Committee rather than strictly by the parish council. Nektarios has several names in mind for this committee and took more during the

meeting but needs to begin to approach people. The goal is to staff the committee with at least ten people, with maybe three being Parish Council members.

Stewardship:

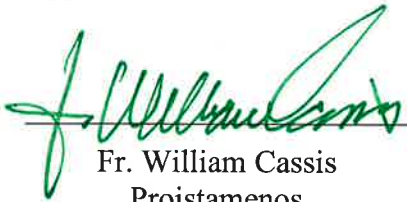
Peter Rodish gave the report. We are at \$389,000 received, which is a shortfall of \$93,000 relative to budget. A typical December garner \$70-80,000 in Stewardship, so we are within reach of meeting our budgeted goal of \$482,000. Stewardship Sunday is December 4th. There is no special service anticipated. The plan is to have people receive a name tag. After Divine Liturgy but before Antidoron, a volunteer, preferably not a member of the Parish Council, will communicate a short stewardship message. Thereafter, stewardship cards will be collected, starting with priest, Parish Council, and members of the Parish. The Parish Council will place collection baskets in the front of the church, on either side, to facilitate collection of stewardship cards from the members of the congregation.

ADJOURNMENT

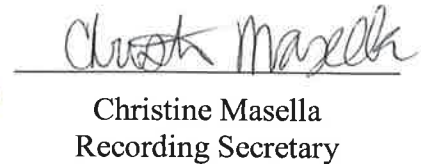
Call to adjourn: Jim Gelis moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Closing prayer: Fr. William offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Nick L. Sarakatsannis
President


Christine Masella
Recording Secretary