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Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 15th, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Bill Cassis, Fr. William Redmon

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

Members absent: Matthew Neuendorf

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 7:05 p.m.

President's remarks: Nick thanked everyone for all their hard work and attention to the duties in the Narthex. He thanked Stacey Loukoumidis and Craig Sansone for all their help with the church picnic set-up. We had a good crowd and it was a good time. Nick stated the fall General Assembly is coming up on October 16th. He discussed that Fr. Chris Metropulos is coming for a meeting on September 24th to raise funds and awareness about Hellenic College/Holy Cross. He hopes many of the Parish Council can attend.

Secretary's report: The August minutes with corrections were distributed via email. Chris Chryssovergis moved to accept the minutes, Stacey Loukoumidis seconded.

Clergy remarks:

– Fr. Bill: He discussed the fall schedule is going to be underway soon with Sunday Church School starting back. He hopes that there is limited confusion for the children getting to Sunday Church School while the hall renovation is being completed. He reported the route to Sunday Church School will be outside through the doors where the quartermaster is during the Panegyri. Fr. Bill stated he finished the Orthodoxy 101 with 12-13 people in attendance. There are currently three individuals wanting to be confirmed in the Orthodox faith.

– Fr. William: He discussed the Neiderman Family Farm event that will take place on October 15th for HOPE/JOY and GOYA. HOPE/JOY will meet at the farm from 3-6 pm and GOYA will come at 6 pm for a bonfire. The Cincinnati Reds game for GOYA had less participation this year and he thinks that is due to the fact that it was a night game. One of his goals this year was to get more of our youth to attend the Summer Camp. We had 7 campers attend this past summer. Those campers have already spread the word through Sunday Church School of the great time they had. Fr. William stated Vacation Church School went very well. They had 24 children and the kids enjoyed the week. He wanted to thank Craig Sansone for his help with the GOYA opening picnic.

Treasurer's report: Justin Bates presented the Treasurer's report. The Capital improvement fund is down because we had to make a \$61,000 dollar payment for the renovation. Stewardship is up \$32,000 dollars and the endowment fund is down \$5,000 dollars. The Parish has completed the St. Nicholas Shrine commitment so that is no longer in our expenses. The current actual net income is \$14,012.

Parish Administrator's report: Eugene Nicholas reported that the roof leak over the conference room has been repaired. Holland has looked at the roof over the sanctuary and has come up with a possible solution. It involves redoing 4 sections of cooper where it meets the rubber roof. It appears that the material underneath could be compromised as well. The estimated cost is \$8,200. The warranty only covers the membrane of the roof.

Finance: The current balance at North Side Bank is \$86,100. The capital improvement fund is at \$162,804. We currently have pledges for \$323,500 for the renovation, which includes the estate donation. The finance committee met last week and along with the budget, Fr. Bill's car was discussed. His car has 6 payments left. The conclusion was made to sell the car when he retires. The car is expected to sell for around \$18,000. Proceeds from the sale minus the loan payoff would go in the general fund.

Eugene also reported that he emailed and mailed out year-to-date donations statements. He has received feedback and donations from many parishioners.

Old Business:

Community hall renovation- Jim Gelis gave the report. The hall is about 50% complete. All the lights are here, except the C2 lights. The trim color for the lights was wrong and sent to another church by accident. We found the lights and they have been sent back. The completion date has been moved to November 2nd. We need another \$62,000 dollars cash to come in by December to keep the loan a \$350,000 approved level.

New Business:

Karen Aamodt brought up the idea of having the Outreach Sunday chili cook-off this year, early in the year, maybe April 16th.

Roof repair-George Haralamos made a motion to authorize Eugene to use \$8,200 for the roof repair, Pete Rodish seconded. The motion was approved.

Fr. Bill's car-Peter Rodish made a motion for the sale of Fr. Bill's Infiniti upon or prior to his retirement on December 31st and for the proceeds to be placed in the general fund. Jim Gelis seconded. The motion was approved.

Budget-For 2017 a third priest has been added to the budget for half the year and stewardship is increased to \$567,400 (up 18%). George Haralamos made a motion to approve the budget to be presented to the General Assembly meeting for final approval. It was seconded by Chris Chrysovergis. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports:


- **Stewardship:** We are up \$52,000 this year.
- **Vision Committee:** Nektarios would like to work with the long range planning committee to develop a Parish vision. Two questions were proposed: "Where do we want to go in our Parish?" - "What would we like for the third priest to assist with?"


ADJOURNMENT


Call to adjourn: Nick Sarakatsannis moved to adjourn at 8:41 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