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Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 15, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll, Fr. William Redmon.

Members present: Nick L. Sarakatsannis (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Justin Bates, Chris Chryssovergis, Buzzy Gaz, Bill Kanelopoulos, Stacey Loukoumidis, Jessica Mavridoglou, Nektarios Papasavvas.

Members absent: Karen Aamodt, David Greene, George Haralamos, Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos.

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas.

MEETING

Call to order: Nick L. Sarakatsannis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Fr. Mark led the council in the Service of Prayer for the Opening of the Parish Council

President's remarks:

- Keep up the good work. We have been covering all of our stations well.
- The building fund thank-you letters have gone out and we have received a lot of positive comments.

Secretary's report:

- Buzzy moved to accept the minutes as presented, Bill seconded, the motion passed.
- Received correspondence included a resource packet for family ministries.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark:
 - Cemetery prayers on Memorial Day went well. Thanks to Fr. William for his help, and to John Sakelos who took time the day before to help them walk the grounds.

- Father is in the process of diligently observing all the preparation work for Panegyri. Everything is running like a well-oiled machine.
 - Father has started to meet with various teams and ministries.
 - He met with the SCS Religious Education Team. There will be some new things coming soon, including a handbook to help families with religious education.
 - Altar boy schedule is being prepared. Invitations will go out to boys in grades 3 to 12.
 - The Philoptochos board met and elected officers. This Sunday after liturgy Father and Father William will administer the affirmation of office.
 - Father will take his vacation between July 7 and July 22.
- Fr. William:
 - GOYA had their picnic and elections. They also had a calendar meeting last Thursday to set up their schedule. Father will be meeting soon with youth leadership to establish a theme for their ministries during the year, which will include both officers and candidates to give them an opportunity to take a leadership role.
 - GOYA's June tzatziki cupping took an hour and a half, which is much faster than typical.
 - YAL has two events coming up and will be doing weekly meet-ups after liturgy during coffee hour.
 - VCS has 15 registered kids and 6 staff, the same as the previous year. Curriculum is set, but crafts are still in development.
 - Camp reminders go out periodically. 4 youth have officially applied as staff. We also have 4 campers signed up. It begins the last week of July.

Stewardship Report:

- We are still about \$25,000 behind in pledges and \$30,000 behind in received moneys compared to last year.
- The committee met on June 14th. We plan to send thank-you letters to parishioners when they pledge and again when they complete their pledges, as well as other communications periodically through the year.
- We want to try to incorporate the various parish ministries into our stewardship planning.
- Our next meeting will be July 25 or 28.
- This year's May appears to be our best on record.

Treasurer's report:

- Our checking account is staying pretty flat from April to May, which is encouraging. Our line of credit remains at \$0.
- Our mortgage balance is at \$327,915 and our monthly payment is roughly \$4,700.
- Our total liabilities are about \$291,000 higher than last year due to the mortgage balance. Total income year-to-date is \$107,215 compared to last year. However, it includes

significant restricted funds donations. Excluding those we are down only about \$32,000. Stewardship is down about \$28,000, candles are down \$2,500, and trays are down \$1,500.

- We had a very strong May, which was in fact \$12,000 higher this year than last.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Financial
 - North Side is at \$6,358, which is accounted for by an early processing of \$10,000 for payroll.
 - We will be going into the festival with cash on hand, which is very good.
 - The capital improvement fund is at \$3,115, which is not enough to cover our next month's payment. We have already paid for this month but we need another \$1,600 or so to cover next month.
- Panegyri
 - Sponsorship isn't quite where we want it to be, but there is still time. We have more in-kind sponsorships than cash.
 - Everything seems to be going well with preparations. Our radio ad started running; the Enquirer will include a very nice article both online and in the paper, complete with pictures. Next week we have three radio interviews scheduled. Kristos Zagorianos will be doing two TV spots. Purchasing is complete. Most of our interior is set up. We asked for high school and college students to come in and help but only Craig's daughters assisted us. We will be hiring help for Craig this Saturday.
 - We will need all the help that we can get next week. Nektarios needs help with brining for the Souvlaki after church this Sunday. Eugene is optimistic that we will get lots of good help next week.

Old Business:

- Gym Icon
 - Fr Mark spoke with Nick Panagis. The Agios Demetrios Society is interested in the project. The general idea is to have an icon or cross placed in the large hall somewhere. Concerns include that anything we put up would need to stay up and that sports played there include basketball and so we must be mindful. We have taken no action as of yet.

Committee Reports:

- Strategic Planning
 - The next meeting has been pushed to after the festival. The tentative date is July 26. They plan to finish the third pillar. We need more people to join the committee's teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Stacey moved to adjourn, Chris seconded, the motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. William offered the closing prayer at 7:55 PM.

Approved as written,



Fr. Mark Emroll
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Nick J. Sarakatsannis
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Secretary