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# HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2018

### ATTENDANCE

**Clergy:** Fr. Mark Emroll

**Pastoral Assistant:** Mr. Nick Tzetzis

**Members present:** Nektarios Papasavvas (Presiding), Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos (Recording), Andy Stefanopoulos, Kim Lambrinides, Bill Kanelopoulos, Karen Aamodt, Eli Cassis, Buzzy Gaz, Gus Koutsogiannis, Ron Nichols, Sylvia Rombis

**Members absent:** Jay Williams, Jessica Mavridoglou

**Parish Staff:** Eugene Nicholas

### MEETING

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Fr. Mark led the council in prayer.

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

- Gratitude expressed to Parish Council for their support and commitment to our Church

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

- Andy moved to accept the August 2018 minutes, Ron seconded: the motion passed.
- The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter was received from the Metropolis of Detroit
- 2019 Parish Allocation letter was received from the Metropolis (\$98,022 for 2019)

#### **Clergy remarks:**

*Fr. Mark:*

- **Searching the Scriptures (Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke) – Led by Fr. Mark**
  - Began on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM (*Held Weekly on Wednesdays*)
- **Orthodoxy 101 – Led by Mr. Nick**
  - Begins on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM (*Held Weekly on Mondays*)
- Thanksgiving outreach dinner will be served at our Church on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Serving between 4:00-5:00PM
    - Helping hands are welcomed, needed and appreciated!
- Fr. Vasilios Pliakas will serve Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in place of Fr. Mark

**Pastoral Assistant Remarks:**

*Mr. Nick:*

- October issue of *The Voice* shows the schedule of **HOPE & JOY activities in 2018-2019**
- GOYA is hosting **Taverna Night** which will be held on for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - **It is a Parish Family event open to everyone!**
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is going strong!
- Young Adult Group
  - Upcoming events are currently in the planning stages: more to come!
- **Digital (TV) Bulletin Board:** Goal is to enhance the means of and content for communication of Parish news & events
  - Still working on determining the appropriate final location
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry Grant Program under development
  - This would be “*part of an initiative that would ask our Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas youth and young adult programs to write grant proposals,*” which pending review & approval, would help support ideas, activities or programs generated for the perpetuation of the ministry of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas.

**Treasurer’s report:**

*Kim Lambrinides:*

As of August 31, 2018

- **North Side – Checking (General Fund):** \$203,485
- **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$23,405
- **Endowment Fund:** \$1,310,738

August 2018

- **Total Income (Revenue):** \$51,845
  - **Stewardship =** \$31,082
- **Total Expense:** \$63,641
- **Net Income:** -\$16,648

**Parish Administrator’s report:**

*Eugene Nicholas:*

- Holland Roofing will be working on the roof breach causing the leak within the Church (along with the Sunday Church School wing) during the week of 9/24
- The Church kitchen was deep cleaned

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Emergency Preparedness/Church Security**
  - Sgt. Greer from Springfield Township came and spoke to Parish Council

**Unfinished Business (contd.):**

- **Building/Facilities Maintenance Assessment**
  - **Long Term Considerations**
    - **Boiler & Air Handler**
      - It is serviced quarterly by Feldcamp
        - **Note:** There will come a time in the future where a significant capital expenditure will be needed to replace the boiler & air handler
    - **Compressor over the kitchen freezer needs to be replaced**
    - **Narthex:** Ceiling needs to be cleaned and painted
    - **Storage**
      - Dispose of unneeded items in current garage
      - Purchase small garage and use it along with the current garage (which is on the parking lot grounds)
    - **Sound System**
      - Future considerations for upgrades and/or replacement
  - **Lighting**
    - **Additional lighting (LED) for Church Parking Lot is needed**
      - Eli made the motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$26,000 (including labor and materials) and proceed with retrieving at least 3 different competitive quotations to upgrade and enhance the current lighting for the exterior Church grounds
        - Ron seconded the motion: the motion passed.

**New Business:**

- **2019 Operating Budget**
  - Kim moved to accept the proposed 2019 Operating Budget to be presented at the 2018 Fall General Assembly; Buzzy seconded: the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Strategic Planning**
  - Next review for the 3 Pillars (Education, Engagement, Outreach) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6PM at the Church
- **Stewardship**
  - **Thank you** to all who make a difference in the life of our Church and its ministries by graciously giving of their **time**, **talent** and **treasure**!
  - **Orthodox Christian Stewardship is about being a responsible manager of the gifts that God has given us, and giving back to Him**
    - A spirit of “**Giving to God**” is what enables and empowers all of us, as a Parish family, to spread His Word through our many ministries within our own Church walls and to the greater Cincinnati community.
      - ***Our*** time, talent, and treasure is what makes this possible.

- **Stewardship (contd.):**

- Through Friday, 9/15/18:
  - **2018 Number of Stewards that have given:** 464
    - **Note:** Number of Stewards through 9/15/17 that had given was 437
      - Number of Stewards is up by 27 (**6.2% Increase**)
  - **2018 Total Stewardship Commitments:** \$352,785
    - **Note:** Stewardship Commitments through 9/15/17 were \$358,235
      - Stewardship commitments are down \$5,450 (**1.5% Decrease**)
  - **2018 Total Stewardship Received:** \$308,300
    - **Note:** Total Stewardship received through 9/15/17 was \$316,379
      - Total Stewardship received is down \$8,079 (**2.6% Decrease**)
- **Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Information, including 2019 Stewardship Commitment Cards, was mailed out the week of 9/3 to all listed/registered members of our Parish family.
  - Completed 2019 Stewardship Commitment Cards can be mailed to the Church or brought to Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - We will offer our Stewardship to God as **one Parish, one Family**.
- **Parish Wide Event sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and the Education Pillar of the Strategic Planning Committee**
  - **Date:** Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM
    - Lunch will be provided
  - **Topic:** Stewardship: Committing our Whole Life to Christ
    - “How to be Stewards of all good things that come from the Lord”
  - **Presented by:** Rev. Fr. Jon Boukis
    - Presiding Priest of Assumption Church, Louisville, KY

**ADJOURNMENT**

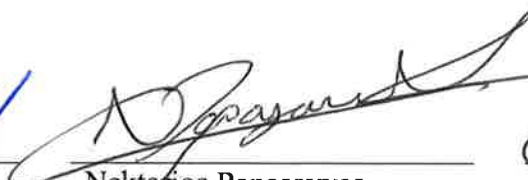
**Call to adjourn:** Andy moved to adjourn. Kim seconded. The motion passed.

**Closing prayer:** Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 9:30PM

Approved as written,

  
Fr. Mark Emroll

**Proistamenos**

  
Nektarios Papasavvas

**President**

  
Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos

**Secretary**