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Spring 2015 General Assembly Meeting Minutes March 08, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis and Fr. William Redmon

Parish Council Members present: Jim Gelis (presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (recording), Karen Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chrysosvergis, David Greene, Stacey Loukoumidis, Christine Masella, Jessica Mavridoglou, Michael Mavridoglou, Nektarios Papasavvas

Parish Council Members absent: Frank Cook, Peter Rodish

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas, Craig Sansone

Parishioners: 63 in attendance

MEETING

Call to order: Jim Gelis called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm

Opening Prayer: Father Bill gave the opening prayer.

Election of Chairperson: Stacey Loukoumidis nominated Nick J Sarakatsannis to serve as chairperson. Peter Aamodt seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes of October 19, 2014 Fall General Assembly Meeting:

- The minutes of the prior General Assembly were posted publicly. Lou Parsenios moved to suspend the rules, dispense with the reading of the minutes, and accept the minutes as posted on the board in the hall. Andy Stefanopoulos seconded. The motion passed.

President's Remarks:

- Jim Gelis stood in for Frank Cook. He asked everyone to keep Frank in their prayers as he recovered. The Parish Council had been setting goals for the Parish, including strengthening ministries, to expand outreach, to continue stewardship growth, and to maintain and upgrade facilities. Also, several events were upcoming, including the Agape Luncheon, the Panegyri, and the Car Raffle.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Justin Bates delivered the report. The annual cash flow as of the Spring GA had income and expenses in excess of budget, but excess income was greater than excess expenses. The causes were primarily due to extraordinary events and expenses that were not budgeted. Payroll came in below budget in large part due to building manager, maintenance, and custodial reforms and lower-than-expected health care costs. HVAC repairs were so far paid mostly out of the line of credit, which had a \$60,000 balance, with another \$50,000 due soon for a further HVAC payment. The previous year the line of credit carried \$105,000 due to the roof repairs; interest on the line of credit was 3.75%.
- Irish Condorodis moved to accept the report. Ron Nichols seconded. The motion passed.

Stewardship report:

- Justin Bates delivered the report. Year-to-date pledges were ahead in amounts both pledged and received.
- Irish Condorodis moved to accept the report. Randy Stanifer seconded. Lew Assaley asked what was being done to continue outreach. The committee had recently selected two co-chairs, Peter Rodish and Justin Bates, who would lead continued Stewardship outreach. The motion passed.

Panegyri Report:

- Eugene Nicholas delivered the report. Prep work had already begun, including developing radio ads, poster production, and ordering supplies. Baking was set to start soon. The first actual meeting was set for some time in April. There were to be no major changes from last year. The previous year's profit margin was 58%.

Endowment Fund Report:

- Eugene Nicholas delivered the report. The fund had passed the \$1,000,000 mark, and had stayed there for at least 5 weeks, despite market fluctuations. The value on December 31 of the previous year determines eligibility for withdrawals. The committee was working on formulating new by-laws to present to the Fall General Assembly, but they require the Parish Priest to be present for those discussions, and the Parish Council must ratify any proposals before they can be presented to the General Assembly.

Old Business:

Building Restoration and Maintenance:

- Jim Gelis reported that the Parish Council and the building committee had requested borrowing authorization for up to \$350,000, likely via a 7-year mortgage. There was no approving or voting on actual plans yet. There was to be no actual borrowing until the construction was sufficiently under way and the contractors needed to be paid, which was not slated to happen until after the Car Raffle in the late Fall.

- The proposal at that point was to refurbish the existing facilities and to upgrade what can be made better. It was to encompass both the multi-purpose room and the bishop's walk. The gym bathrooms were not in the current plan. The vote was not on the proposal, but rather approval for the funding request.
- Andy Stefanopoulos moved for the General Assembly to authorize the Parish Council to set up a design committee and to borrow no more than \$350,000 with a loan secured by a mortgage on the Church property for a period of no more than 7 years, for the purpose of upgrading and maintenance of the multi-purpose room and Bishop's walk corridor. Elaine Snyder seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

Holy Land Trip:

- The trip to the Holy Land was expected to last 10 to 13 days, though it would be longer if Mt. Sinai were included. The estimated price ranged from \$3,800 to \$4,000 per person. If the parish were able to muster 18 or more people they could go as an individual group, but fewer could partner with another parish.

Sunday Church School Director:

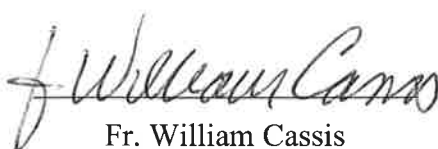
- Fr. Bill announced that Cara Chryssovergis was stepping down and asked that anyone who was interested in the position let him know. He would pass along the duties and requirements. He also noted that Cara had suggested it could be managed by a team as an alternative.

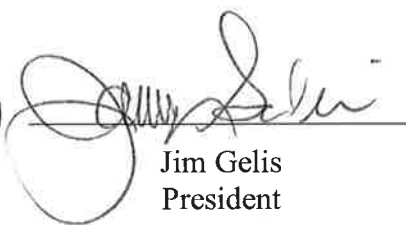
Adjournment


Call to adjourn: Lew Assaley moved to adjourn.

Closing prayer: Fr. Bill gave the closing prayer. The meeting ended at 1:11 PM.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Jim Gelis
President


Matthew Neuendorf
Assistant Secretary