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Parish Council Meeting Minutes May 15, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. Irenaeus Cox

Parish Council Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Stacey Loukoumidis (Recording), Peter Aamodt, Chris Chrysosovergis, Frank Cook, Jim Gelis, David Greene, Maria Kontopos, Matthew Neuendorf, John Sakelos, Nick Sarakatsannis

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas and Chris Jonson

Absent: Justin Bates, Peter Rodish, and Nick Sarakatsannis

PRE-MEETING

Opening Prayer: Father William Cassis gave the opening prayer at the fellowship meal preceding the meeting.

Call to Order: Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:18

President's Remarks: Andy Stefanopoulos had no remarks except to say that the brass candle stands look beautiful.

Secretary's Report:

- **Minutes:** Jim Gelis moved to accept the April minutes, Peter Aamodt seconded, motion was approved.
- **Received Correspondence:** The Shepherd's Staff was passed around and we received a thank you letter from Zoe Storch regarding the scholarship she received. Also received a letter from Bill Tsacalis regarding the American Farm School.
- John Sakelos wanted on the record the email conversations concerning immediately hiring Craig Sansone as a part time employee for a period of 6 months at \$14.00/per hour. Seven PC members voted yes. John motioned that we accept this vote. Motioned passed.

Clergy Remarks:

- Father Bill Cassis:
 - Father would like for PC to wipe down the candle stands every Sunday to help eliminate the discoloration of the brass.
 - The experts of terrazzo are giving us a quote to repair the cracks in the Solea.

- Father Bill would like PC to approve the purchase of a buffer to buff the floors. There was a suggestion not to remove the eagle to repair it, that we should just seal around the eagle.
 - Panegyri needs to get everyone involved.
 - Father would like for us to reinstate Father Joseph's \$150 honorarium.
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- Father Irenaeus Cox wanted everyone to know that the GOYA end of year picnic is May 27th @ 6:00 at Sharon Woods.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Rodish

- The April 2014 financial statements were presented by Eugene Nicholas for review. All Parish Council members received these statements by email.
- Eugene said that April was a good month we had enough to pay our bills.
- The negative \$10,000 is for the brass restoration. We are still waiting for the cost of the 4 additional candles stands. It wasn't in the original quote because we didn't realize they were brass.
- We are still waiting for Atkins/Stang's bill for electric in the kitchen. We are expecting it to be between \$2,900-\$5,000.
- Peter Aamodt motioned to approve treasures report, Maria Kontopos seconded, motion passed.

Parish Administrator's Report:

- Brass restoration almost finished St. Nicholas got damaged so we are having Benton Co. repair it. If it meets Fr Bills approval then he will approve it.
- Toddler room has been carpeted and we are looking for some furniture to complete room. Father Bill wants the bars painted.
- Eugene, Father Bill, and Chris met with Benson Company to go over what needs to be done. Chris is meeting again with Mary next Tuesday to finalize things. Jerry is currently doing the SCS wing he is learning the building. Craig's paperwork is finalized. He will be closing up every Sunday.
- Parking lot took a beating this winter Jim Pascal is painting all of the curbs. We have company coming in to fix the curb in front of the entrance to the Church.
- May 20th Eugene needs numerous strong men to unload the truck for Panegyri.
- There was a letter from Archbishop Demetrios asking is to fill out paperwork for national insurance plan on all buildings in the Archdiocese.

Old Business:

- Panegyri - the first chair meeting was a real asset. There were pricing increase questions. Peter Aamodt has agreed to chair parking we still need a co-chair.
- Chris withdrew motion from last meeting regarding new hire.
- The brass restoration: work has begun; Fr. Bill is satisfied with it so far. Andy suggested Fr. Bill might make an announcement regarding the success of the project. Fr. Bill said

the brass restoration should be about a 3-week long project.

New Business:

- Father would like to have the floor buffed weekly so he would like for Chris to research purchasing a new buffer. John made a motion to allow Chris Johnson \$2000 to purchase a new buffer. Peter A seconded. Motion passed
- Father complimented this PC for the support of the beautification of our Church
- Father George of the Lexington Parish is waiting to get assigned a parish in Atlanta. Father Bill would like to pay Fr. Joseph \$150.00 stipend retroactive back to Sunday May 11th. Matthew motioned David Greene seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committees

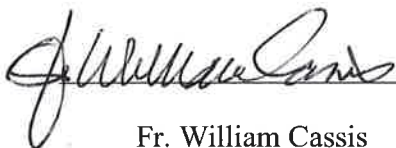
- Stewardship: Our average pledge and stewardship goal are both up from last year. Frank commented that one Sunday he handed out stewardship forms and was amazed at how many people didn't know what they were. Father will show it one Sunday and explain what the form is and why we would like it to be filled out. Fr Bill mentioned that a friend of his mentioned that having a separate flier on sturdy card stock might be a plan for stewardship next year.
- Building Committee: Jim found the 2007 report he also spoke to Sam Boulmetis and he will put drawings on to a disc. Jim doesn't think they will meet their plan of being finished before festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Peter Aamodt moved to adjourn and Jim Gelis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Closing prayer: Father Irenaeus offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Andy Stefanopoulos
President



Stacey Loukoumidis
Secretary