



HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes April 20, 2017

ATTENDANCE

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

Members present: Nick L. Sarakatsannis (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Karen Aamodt, Chris Chrysosvergis, Buzzy Gaz, David Greene, George Haralamos, Bill Kanelopoulos, Stacey Loukoumidis, Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos, Jessica Mavridoglou, Nektarios Papasavvas.

Members absent: Justin Bates

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas.

MEETING

Call to order: Nick L. Sarakatsannis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

President's remarks:

- Congratulations. We did a good job covering Holy Week. Thanks for being such a good team.

Secretary's report:

- Jessica moved to accept the minutes as amended prior to the meeting, George seconded, the motion passed.
- We had no received correspondence.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark:
 - Thanks to every member of the Parish Council for our assistance during the past week. It was a very spiritual and inspirational week. Everything went very smoothly, from Palm Sunday all the way through lights out and the Agape meal.
 - Fr. William will be away this coming Sunday, as he will be filling in for Fr. Joseph at Dayton. It will be Fr. Mark's first solo Sunday here. Communion will follow the same order but with only a single line. There will be another 40-day

blessing this Sunday and two more next Sunday. After antidoron please have the doors to the church locked, including the breezeway doors.

- When we host a luncheon, we need to clean up after ourselves. This Parish is a family and the church is our home, so we should begin to try to lend our efforts to help clean up after luncheons, dinners, and other events so that it doesn't all end up on Craig's shoulders. Not only does that help him but it demonstrates respect for our building.
- The Sunday Church School rooms and hallways need to be painted. Father would like to have it done this summer with the top floor finished prior to the festival and the bottom floor afterward.
- Fr. will be taking vacation days from May 11-17 for his daughter's graduation in Kent, OH.
- Fr. William was invaluable during Holy Week and Fr. truly appreciates him.
- Fr. William:
 - The HOPE/JOY meeting this past month and the one coming up are both shorter than normal. At the last meeting they discussed the role of the Theotokos as protectress. Their next meeting will be May 4.
 - GOYA has an IOCC service project to assemble hygiene bags in the large hall on May 7. May 27 will be their elections at the picnic. They have at least one candidate for every office.
 - REAL will have a meet-and-greet in the lounge on May 7.
 - Vacation Church School will be from May 17-21. It will study the Acts of the Apostles and will follow the same format as in prior years. We still need to expand our staff because we have a lot of students. Mother's Club has been an invaluable help.
 - Camp has a better facility this year. We have four people interested in staff positions this year.
 - Thanks to Fr. Mark for being patient and helpful throughout Holy Week.

Treasurer's report:

- North Side has \$59,529 currently. Our Capital Improvement Fund is at \$5,747 and we have made a payment for this month already. We do still slowly add money to the fund. The current loan balance is \$335,300.
- Stewardship is down year to date by around \$30,000. March alone was down \$9,000 from the prior year.
- The large miscellaneous expense is mostly for moving Fr. Mark and his family. The balance sheet has been tweaked somewhat to comply with changes to reporting made at the Archdiocese level. Endowment Fund fees are no longer listed as an expense because they are drawn directly from the fund.
- Our net operational income stands at -\$19,509, which maps pretty clearly to our Stewardship falloff. Despite Pascha lining up with Latin Easter this year we still had a strong Stewardship showing during Holy Week.

Parish Administrator's report:

- For the building, the A/V cabinet door has arrived and will be installed Wednesday. The replacement garage door has been ordered. We received our insurance claim payment but it needed to be special ordered so we will owe an additional \$1,000. The last sconce for the Bishop's Walk has arrived and will be installed next week.
- For personnel, Craig's family reunion is June 17. Eugene and Fr. Mark reviewed his duties and Craig will be taking vacation on June 16-18. Eugene will be present to monitor the large tents that will be set up on Saturday.
- The Panegyri needs three chairs: Yiayia's Mezethakia, Skyline Chili, and the St. Nicholas Shrine. Our chili booth chair had to cancel. Sponsorship letters went out today. Marketing will roll out in May. The poster looks good and may be ready by the end of next week. Yard signs and bumper stickers are all looking good. The next baking date is May 6 at 9 AM. George has managed to attend most sessions. It is beneficial to have PC members attend to show our appreciation. Our only general meeting will be June 4 due to the difficulty of scheduling on Sundays. All chairs and volunteers are encouraged to attend. We will distribute t-shirts and parking passes at that time. The restaurant *Greek To Me* is sponsoring the shirts this year.

Old Business:

- Security
 - Aegis did a walk-through but refused to quote us.
 - Increasing lighting would be \$11,000 including rebates from Duke to upgrade to LEDs with the addition of two large floodlights to illuminate the back of the lot. Labor will likely cost \$9,000, for a total of \$20,000 just to upgrade the lighting. Nick will take light readings around the lot tonight.
 - In addition to the garage break-in we had somebody dump a ton of trash next to our recycle bin.
 - The facility committee needs to meet and discuss how to go forward.
 - A security system for the interior could range anywhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 depending on what is included.
- Sunday Church School Painting
 - We have a budget for \$12,000 but Eugene will discuss particulars with Pastrimas Painting.

New Business:

- Iconography in the nave: The Beautification Committee needs to begin looking at how to complete the iconography on the sanctuary ceiling.
- A parishioner wishes to place an icon in the gym. Fr. Mark will evaluate options.
- Pangari location: A parishioner asked about moving the Pangari to the old location in the corner of the Narthex near the steps.

Stewardship Report:

- Thank you to everyone who has pledged. Thank you also to those who have given time, talent, and treasure. The Stewardship Committee will be evaluating received pledge cards

that included interest in volunteer and other ministry opportunities and will be following up.

Committee Reports:

- Strategic Planning Committee
 - The committee made minor corrections to the vision and mission statements. Once these are approved by the Council they need to be promulgated. Nektarios moved to approve the vision and mission statements. Dimitri seconded. The motion passed.
- Special Events
 - Thank you to everybody who helped with the Agape luncheon, thanks to Eugene, thanks to the volunteers thanks to Montgomery Inn, and thanks to Fr. Mark. The Agape meal was a lot of fun, attendance was great, the entertainment was excellent, and the decorations were wonderful.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Closing prayer: Fr. William offered the closing prayer at 8:25 PM.

Approved as written,



Fr. Mark Emroll
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Nick L. Sarakatsannis
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Secretary