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HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 15, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Members present: Nektarios Papasavvas (Presiding), Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos (Recording), Andy Stefanopoulos, William "Buzzy" Gaz, Bill Kanelopoulos, Jessica Mavridoglou, Kim Lambrinides, Jay Williams, Sylvia Rombis, Ron Nichols, Karen Aamodt, Eli Cassis

Members absent: Gus Koutsogiannis

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

MEETING

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:59pm.

Fr. Mark led the council in prayer.

President's remarks:

- **Our Parish Lenten Retreat on Saturday, 3/10/18, which was sponsored by our Ladies Philoptochos, was fantastic!**
- George Haralamos will be providing AED training to all Parish Council members at the next Parish Council Meeting (**Thursday, 4/19/18, @ 6:30PM**)
- Training for Parish Council members on how to use the Stair Lift located at the stairwell leading into the Narthex of the Church immediately after the conclusion of this meeting
 - During (Sunday) Church Services, Parish Council member closest to or by the right door is responsible to help any parishioner needing to use the Stair Lift
- **Holy Week** (beginning Palm Sunday, 4/1/18 through Pascha (Easter) Sunday, 4/8/18)
 - Parish Council presence at as many of the services as possible is important

Secretary's report:

- Jessica moved to accept the February 2018 minutes, Eli seconded: motion passed.
- *Correspondence received:*
 - Gratitude and thanks from Sunday Church School and Religious Education Team for the new whiteboards provided by Parish Council for the classrooms
 - Gratitude expressed by the leadership of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (GOA) for our Church's 6 month prepayment of its 2018 Archdiocesan Total Commitment
 - **Total Prepayments received by GOA: \$1,304,749.76** (as of 1/30/18)
 - **Note: Amount is from all parishes in the GOA**

Clergy remarks:

Fr. Mark:

- No update from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese regarding timing on Mr. Nick's ordination
- Formal request made on Tuesday, 3/13/18 to the Metropolis of Detroit to assign an additional priest to assist with Church services during Holy Week
 - Response received from the Metropolis of Detroit on Thursday, 3/15/18
 - **Fr. John Artemas will be assisting during Holy Week [Sunday, 4/1/18 – Sunday, 4/8/18]**
- Details provided and discussion on the Logistics of the Great & Holy Friday, Great & Holy Saturday (Vigil, Resurrection and Paschal Liturgy) services, including provisions in the event of inclement weather (i.e. rain) on Great & Holy Friday

Pastoral Assistant Remarks:

Mr. Nick:

- **HOPE/JOY**
 - 2018 has been a very good year
 - 2018 is setting the groundwork for 2019 from an activities and participation (i.e. children and parents) standpoint
- **GOYA**
 - **2018 GOYA Lenten Retreat was outstanding!**
 - **Held on Saturday, 3/3/18**
 - Matthew 25 Ministries (1st half of the day)
 - Church (2nd half of the day)
 - **Advisers Meeting**
 - Milestones/Goals/Calendar Planning for 2019
- **Young Adults**
 - Adding more activities to the Calendar
- **Acolytes (Altar Boy)**
 - Compliments to the young men who serve in the altar (“**Fantastic leaders**”)
- **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival**
 - Very important and a “pinnacle” for a young person to express their faith
- **Technology Update:** Working towards High Definition Live Streaming

Treasurer's report:

Jessica Mavridoglou:

As of the end of February 2018

- **North Side – Checking (General Fund):** \$74, 438
- **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$28,250
- **Endowment Fund:** \$1,270,004

- **Total Income (Revenue):** \$51,039
- **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$62,029
- **Net Income:** (\$8,954)

Parish Administrator's report:

Eugene Nicholas:

• **Building**

- Lighting upgrade began on Monday, 3/13/18
 - **Estimated Completion:** Friday, 3/23/18
 - Retrofitting all of the T12 fluorescent fixtures to LED in the entire facility (including installations, supplies, LED lights and recycling of old materials)
- Large section of ceiling missing on the North Side of the Church
 - The ceiling paint started chipping/flaking (due to rook leaf) and was noticed/removed by Craig Sansone to prevent further paint chipping/flaking
 - Holland Roofing came out to find the source leak, but wasn't successful
 - They will be back and will continue their search/work
 - Plan to reach out to Pete Kontopos, whose company specializes in industrial painting, regarding potential netting for the ceiling (as a proactive temporary measure) to catch any future flaking/chipping

• **Community Center Capital Campaign 2018**

- **Thank you to all who have pledged/donated in support our Parish!**
- **We have received \$441,620 in pledges/donations (Goal: \$644,000)**
 - **Objective:** Retire the remaining balance by December 2018
- **Information was mailed out on Thursday, 2/8/18, to 729 individuals/families who have not pledged or donated to the renovation project**
 - Received 12 cards with total donations of \$2,530
- 2 families have increased their existing pledges by \$1,350 (in total)
- Received \$2,500 from parishioners who already pledged

• **Panegyri**

- **Anyone who is interested in volunteering/helping is welcomed to come!**
 - Feel free to contact our wonderful Baking Chair People
 - **Rena Poneris** (513-942-6268 or 513-218-3508)
 - **Gus Poneris** (513-222-8135)
- Baking officially started on Tuesday, 3/13/18 (Syrup & Walnuts)
- **Upcoming baking sessions (Start Time: 9AM)**
 - **Tuesday, 3/20/18** → Pasta Flora
 - **Monday, 4/16/18** → Galaktobouriko, Day 1
 - **Tuesday, 4/17/18** → Galaktobouriko, Day 2
 - **Tuesday, 4/24/18** → Baklava, Day 1
 - **Saturday, 4/28/18** → Baklava, Day 2
 - **Tuesday, 5/15/18** → Melomakarouna
 - **Saturday, 6/2/18** → Koulourakia, Day 1
 - **Tuesday, 6/5/18** → Koulourakia, Day 2
 - **Tuesday, 6/12/18** → Kourambiethes, Day 1
 - **Wednesday, 6/13/18** → Kourambiethes, Day 2

Unfinished Business:

- No updates from Buzzy on February 2018 Parish Council discussion regarding Emergency Preparedness/Church Security
 - Buzzy to follow up and advise Parish Council on next steps at April 2018 Parish Council Meeting

New Business:

- None

Committee Reports:

- **Strategic Planning**

Nektarios Papasavvas

- **The 3 Pillar Teams** (as of Tuesday, 3/13/18)
 1. **Engagement Pillar**
 - **Pillar Leader: Peter Rodish**
 - Liturgical Leader: OPEN
 - PC Interface Leader: Ron Nichols
 - Social/Culture Leader: OPEN
 - Pillar Members: Justin Bates, Josh Richardson, George Kalemanis, Brad Fielden, Paul Misali
 2. **Education Pillar**
 - **Pillar Leader: Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos**
 - Theological Leader: Philanthy Nichols
 - Community Awareness Leader: OPEN
 - Pillar Members: Matthew Neuendorf, Peter Aamodt
 3. **Outreach Pillar**
 - **Leader: Nick Panagis**
 - Internal Community Leader: OPEN
 - External Community Leader: Stef Diaz
 - Pillar Members: Vageli Kontopos, Joanne Georgostathis, Andrea Siouris
- **Anyone interested in leading or being a member on any of the 3 pillars is encouraged to reach out to and join whichever pillar they would like**
- The 3 Pillar Teams are expected to develop strategic projects/tactics that connect back to their Pillar's purpose, as well as tie back to our Church's Mission/Vision.

- **Stewardship**

Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos

- **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!**
- **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 Wednesday, 3/14/18:
 - **2018 Stewardship Pledged Commitments:** \$288,565
 - **Note:** Pledged commitments through 3/14/17 was \$304,956
 - **Pledged commitments are down \$16,391**
 - **2018 Stewardship Received:** \$114,540
 - **Note:** Stewardship received through 3/14/17 was \$132,876
 - **Stewardship received is down \$18,336**
- **Email was sent on Wednesday, 3/14/18, to the entire Parish email group to:**
 - **Inform and be transparent** with our Parish family where our Church is on its 2018 Stewardship Progress
 - **Encourage** those of us who have not pledged or given to our Church to make a Stewardship pledge/donation, along with a commitment of our time and talent to a make a difference in the life of our Church and its ministries.
- **Stewardship Committee met on Thursday, 3/1/18 @ 5:30PM**
 - Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a Coffee Hour sometime in April/early May (after Pascha (Easter) Sunday & Before Memorial Day)
 - Stewardship Committee will regularly be featuring “*Stewardship Snippet*” in the weekly *Sunday Voice* bulletin
 - **Purpose:** Short, succinct commentary/information about Stewardship from our own parishioners, Saints of The Church, Church Fathers or contemporary sources
 - **Examples:** **Matthew Neuendorf** and **Evonne Marinakis** were featured in a *Stewardship Snippet* on 2/25/18. **George Haralamos** was featured in a *Stewardship Snippet* on 3/11/18
- **Stewardship Committee’s next meeting is on Thursday, 3/29/18 @ 5:30PM**

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Buzzy moved to adjourn. Dimitri seconded. The motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:37PM.

Approved as written,


Fr. Mark Emroll

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Nektarios Papasavvas

President


Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos

Secretary