

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2016**

Commencement of Meeting

The Parish Council meeting began with Father Dean leading prayer at 8:15pm. President Perry Giannopoulos presided over the meeting and Krystal Ioannou, recorded the matters addressed.

Parish Council Members in Attendance

Present: Fr Dean, Fr George, P Giannopoulos, D Loomos, C Agalliu, L Konstantellos, N Gianaris, T Bournias, E Kiriazopoulos, T Kanelos, N Andrews, A Demeros, T Sikoral, D Houpis, K Ioannou, A Rizos, W Bozikis

Also Present: J Pierce

Not in Attendance: R Kozlowski, A Koutsikos, K Apithis, M Pontikes, J Aliferis

Minutes

1. Minutes presented for review and approval: January 2016
Motion: Approve January 2016 minutes as amended
1st A Rizos / 2nd C Agalliu
Vote: 11-0-3 Passed
2. Motion: Table March 2016 Minutes
1st T Kanelos / E Kiriazopoulos
Vote: 13-0-1 Passed

Correspondence

1. IOCC
Motion: Approve to donate \$250
1st C Agalliu / 2nd T Kanelos
Vote: 14-0-0 Passed
2. All Saints Greek Orthodox Church 100th Anniversary Ad Book
Motion: Approve to donate \$125
1st N Andrews / 2nd T Kanelos
Vote: 14-0-0 Passed
3. St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship Fund
Motion: Approve to donate \$100
1st T Kanelos / 2nd A Demeros
Vote: 14-0-0 Passed
4. Niles Elementary School District 71 Fun Run
Motion: Approve to donate \$100
1st D Loomos / 2nd A Demeros
Vote: 14-0-0 Passed

Treasurer's Report

1. Motion: Table March 2016 Financial Statements
1st D Loomos / 2nd A Rizos
Vote: 14-0-0 Passed

Outreach Committee

Lead by J Pierce

-May 23rd, 2016 Bessie's Table at First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, to be hosted by our Parish Council

-Discussion of the possibility of having Bessie's Table at our Community Center

-Discussion of having restricted category for Outreach donations

-Meals on Wheels opened to new parents: 3 families participated, well received and thankful

-Need cooks for a Saturday in May...to cook for ~12 people

- Suggested not limiting M.O.W. to Greek Orthodox families, and opening to Niles district
- Would like to have at least 2 people go along for delivery

2016 Food Fest

Lead by P Giannopoulos

- Meetings are continuing & progressing
- No lamb tent, but lamb chops will be served in the Taverna
- Chicken cooked outside, we are getting more Chicken roasters

1. Motion: Approve \$35,000 for Audi A3 and raffle prizes
1st E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd A Rizos

Vote: 14-0-0 Passed

Ushering

Lead by N Andrews

- Reminders to arrive prompt and early if possible before services, and to be available to help during Holy Week and to review ushering schedule that was emailed out, and if a member can not attend his/her scheduled shift, to trade with another Council Member if possible.
- Decision was made to increase candle prices from \$3 ea. to \$4 ea.

Lamb Cook-Off

Lead by T Kanelos

- About 6-7 teams are set up to cook lamb.
- Deadline for registration by Bright Monday 5/2
- Start cooking by 10am - 5pm, cooks should serve
- Discussion of waiving the \$50 entry fee
- Judges still undecided, but perhaps 3 Clergy? via anonymous taste testing
- Discussion of having a "People's Choice"
- \$30 / adult, \$15 for children <12 y.o.
- Other foods will be served, including chicken, salad, hot dogs, potatoes, cheese, bread, dessert, etc

Stewardship Update

Lead by Fr Dean

As of April 20, 2016 408 families have committed \$230,995. At this time last year (April 24, 2015), 434 families had committed \$267,760.

Discussion of how stewardship is down \$37,000 from this time last year, however Easter was much earlier. Average per steward is \$517

Building and Grounds

Lead by A Demeros

- Hope to have 2 railings installed by Good Friday (4/29/16), however they will not be stained/finished

For the Good of the Parish

Lead by Fr Dean and Fr George

- IOCC Annual Banquet is May 12, 2016. Parish Council members encouraged to attend
- St Nicholas Shrine of Manhattan (Church destroyed on 9/11) is asking for a \$10,000 donation from each church parish. St Nicholas is a functioning Greek Orthodox parish, and the Shrine will also have a meditation center open to all faiths, attracting potentially up to 5 million visitors per year.
- The outreach trip to New York City was full of positive and beneficial experiences for the Senior Goyans. They visited the 911 Memorial and building grounds of St Nicholas Shrine, community outreach with St Basil Academy, and met with the Archbishop Demetrios
- Jr Olympics --Begin May 25th, see poster board

- Mr Houpis brought an estimate to add 2 loads of asphalt grindings to the grass lot on north side of Church, \$1850; 40 car parking spaces. Will discuss further with M Pontikes and A Andrews prior to making any decisions
- Parish Council Retreat
 - Overnight or just one day?
 - Date is undecided, but June-Sept (warmer months), discussion to be continued

1. Motion to adjourn
1st A Rizos / 2nd D Loomos
Vote: 12-0-0 Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou,
Acting Secretary