

Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church-Niles, Illinois
Parish Council Minutes for September 21, 2016

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 7:40 p.m. with Father George leading us in prayer and who present for the duration of the meeting. President Giannopoulos presided over the meeting, for its duration, and Argy Koutsikos, as recording secretary, recorded the matters addressed.

Parish Council Members in Attendance: Present: P Giannopoulos, T Kanelos, A Koutsikos, A Rizos, R Kozlowski, W Bozikis, K Ioannou, N Andrews, D Houpis, C Agalliu, A Demeros, N Gianaris, T Karabatsos, M Pontikes, J Aliferis, D Loomos, T Bournias. Absent: L Konstantellos, K Apithis, T Sikoral, E Kiriazopoulos.

President's Remarks: Members in attendance were greeted by President Giannopoulos.

Floor turned over to Olympia Bournias who presented the **School Board report**, along with handout, as follows:

2015-2016 school year there were @ 240 enrolled students; realized \$47,608.0 net from programs -collected 99% tuition payments;

2016-2017 preliminary budget shows 260 students are enrolled -report establishes breakdown of students per program/days; no tuition hike for said calendar year; net income projected @ \$29,000.00;

Need to staff new position given enrollment increase: Saturday Level 1 has been split into 2 classes and seek approval to hire Dimitra Soulioti for permanent position; approval sought to hire Christina Samarinitis to replace the Level 4 teacher; approval to hire Dimitra Galellis as a T.A. at an hourly rate for the afternoon school; approval to promote morning school T.A. Amelia Voutas to full time teacher; approval to hire Alexandra Fakiola as pre-K T.A. in addition to full time Saturday position.

Motion: To hire the recommended teachers and T.A.s as presented by the School Board made by 1st D Houpis/2nd W Bozikis. Discussion had. **Vote: 15-0-1**

Further discussion as to other allocated overhead expenses and how to present on the next budge report. Advised that the board assessed an additional \$150.00 charge for brand new students who are not St. Haralambos stewards. Request was made for the School Board to provide some data as to years past enrollments to show how the school programs have grown over the years.

Minutes: Minutes from 6-15-16 meeting reviewed.

Motion: To accept minutes made by 1st T Kanelos /2nd R Kozlowski **Vote: 11-0-5**

Correspondence:

- 1) Pan Hellenic thank you acknowledgement for donation of \$2,500.00 .
- 2) Save the date announcement, 10/2/16, for 100th Anniversary of Assumption Church in Homer Glen.
- 3) Announcement of Holy Cross celebrating it 55th Anniversary on 9/25/26 and looking for sponsorship support (\$50.00 name listing sponsorship).
- 4) Save the date of ground breaking at Ascension, Lincolnshire on 2-4-17.
- 5) Save the date for 100th Anniversary of Kimissis Church, Racine on 9-25-16.

6) St. Andrews, Chicago celebrating 90th Anniversary on 12-3-16 -Sponsorship request

Motion: to donate \$100.00 made by A Rizzos/2nd C Agalliu **Vote:** 14-2-0

7) American Cancer Society donation request

Motion: Donate \$100.00 made by 1st T Kanelos, 2nd R Kozlowski **Vote:** _____

8) Donation request from Greater Chicago Food Depository

Motion: Donate \$100.00, provided have not already made donation in 2016 made by 1st T Kanelos/2nd R Kozlowski **Vote:** 14-0-2

Treasurer's Report: **Motion:** table the May, 2016 Financial Report made by 1st A Koutsikos/2nd A Rizos. **Vote:** unanimous

Financial Report 6/30/16 was reviewed / discussion on certain line items. **Motion:** Accept 6/30/16 report made by 1st T Karabatsos /2nd W Bozikis **Vote:** unanimous.

Financial Report 7/31/16 was reviewed/ discussion on certain line items. **Motion:** Accept 7/31/16 report made by 1st A Koutsikos/2nd N Gianaris. **Vote:** unanimous

Committee Reports:

Phase III- General Assembly already approved 6million dollar spend with up to 40% financing-trying to work with general contractor to bring that price down-having significant conversations with new general contractor to hopefully lower cost closer to 5 million dollars. Pledges to date surpass 2.2million. Goal is to break ground in 2017-start in spring and get as much done before Food Fest and conclude after Fest- the expansion would be done in 2 phases(construct the new building to degree that it is viable and occupied, then reconstruct existing building).

2017 Budget- Discussion to be held in October as well as 6 month review of Sandi's additional hours/responsibilities progress.

Fall Fundraiser- Tailgate party/raffle on 10-9-16

2016 Stewardship Update- As of this time in 2015 there were 617 stewardship pledges totaled \$314,835.00 compared to 2016 were there are 616 pledges for a total of \$323,067.00 (+ \$9,000.00) Need to utilize information on the stewardship cards as who volunteered for what ministries.

2017 Stewardship Campaign- There is a need for volunteers to assist Father Dean and/or Father George with putting into place a 2017 campaign.

Golf Outing- Event on 9-22-16. There are 60 golfers, 12 master sponsors, there will be raffle prizes-silent auction- 50/50. Approximate (+)10,000.00.

2016 Men's Event- 11-23-16 at Fountain Blue- save the date- A Demeros Chairperson

2017 Dinner Dance- 2-12-17. Event to be a luncheon at Pinstripes. P Giannopoulos has been talking to prospective chair people for event.

Building and Grounds- Garage inventory has been completed in order to submit claim to insurance carrier- itemized items destroyed in fire and pulled comparable list prices for items. At the same time will review existing insurance coverage and determine if necessary to update policy to one that would adequately provide coverage. **Motion:** Building & Grounds committee obtain 3 proposals for replacing garage structure made by 1st D Houpis/2nd R Kozlowski **Vote:** 4-7-3 Motion fails.

Need to repair plaster in the Church; Church front doors should be varnish on an annual

basis as maintenance.

Good of the Parish:

Thursday, 10-27-16, celebrate Metropolitan Iakovos' Namesday banquet.

General Assembly on 10-23-16 to elect the Election Board for Parish Council Election as well as elect Board of Auditors. If no quorum then General Assembly on 10-30-16.

General Assembly to present, discuss and seek approval of 2017 budget to be held on 12-4-16 but if no quorum then to be held on 12-11-16.

Fundraiser for St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero- November and through 12-4-16 will pass a special tray each Sunday.

Discussed attendance to Parish Council meetings-if miss 3 meetings consecutively then should ask that member to resign position and open it up to another interested party.

There are UPR guidelines as well as St. Haralambos bylaws governing attendance to meetings by council members.

Priest's Remarks:

Father George thanked all in attendance for being present. Discussion as to those who act as ushers during worship hours to come early and assist.

Motion: To adjourn made by 1st A Rizos/2nd N Andrews
Adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ,

Argy Koutsikos, Recording Secretary

Open Items for resolution:

1) School programs to be assessed by professional team of educators. 2) Basketball hoop for the youth. 3) Parish Council going as a group to St. Iakovos Retreat Center. 4) Circulate copy of Parish Bylaws to all Parish Council members