

Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, Niles, Illinois

Parish Council Meeting for Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Parish Council Members in Attendance:

Present: K Apithis, E Kiriazopoulos, T Sikoral, R, Kozlowski, A Rizos, N Andrews, C Agalliu, D Houpis, T Kanelos, G Giolas, K Ioannou, T Bournias, N Gianaris, A Koutsikos, T Karabatsos, D Loomos, B Bozikis

Absent: M Pontikes, L Konstantellos, P Giannopoulos, A Demeros.

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 7:50 p.m. with Fr. Dean leading us in prayer who was present for the duration of the meeting. Fr. Dean started the meeting with going over the minutes.

Motion: to accept the meeting minutes as corrected made by T Sikoral & 2nd by T Karabatsos

Vote: 16-0-1

Correspondence: Nothing to report as P Giannopoulos not in attendance

Treasurer's Report: Financial report of March 2017, was reviewed and discussed highlighting any variances. We were charged on credit card fees (\$631.92) possibly from the Annual luncheon held in February while the transactions had not gone through.

Motion: to approve the financial report made by T Sikoral 2nd by E Kiriazopoulos

Vote: 16-0-1

Committee Reports:

- A. Food Fest: Nothing to report
- B. Stewardship: We are about even or just a little ahead
- C. Phase III: Pappas Construction has not provided a bid. Philoptochos has donated an additional \$30,000.
We should have another General Assembly to address our parishioners where we are with Phase III. General Assembly Committee: P Giannopoulos, T Sikoral and G Giolas.
- D. Parish Software: G Giolas addressed the council of the following: Effie Marie came in to train the office staff from 8am-4pm. She covered the basics; at the end of the month we will be transferring from EDS to PDS. Few key points: Ounce we transfer the info to PDS we should no longer use the EDs system. The ledger section will replace quick books. Also, electronic plans, like Vanco Payment solutions is compatible with PDS. Two hundred churches are currently using this tool; Vanco flyer with pricing passed out. This tool is an on-line access for the user as they would provide a contribution into the appropriate fund. The user will receive an email when they contribute (pay fees on line). Statements can go out at the end of the year to parishioners via our PDS software.
Motion: made to contract Vanco for e-giving made by T Kanelos and 2nd by A Koutsikos
Vote: 17-0-0
- E. Out Reach Committee: Bessie's table is scheduled for May 22, 2017. We currently have about 15 people signed up.

- F. Golf Outing: R Kozlowski stated the golf outing will take place at the same golf course and the checks have already been received.
- G. Buildings & Grounds: Brick is complete; Caulked all windows, painter could possibly ask for \$600.00. The ozone treatment will take place after school is over. We also discussed Hair to Beauty parking lot options – proposal made by D Houpis.
- H. Memorial Day Picnic: If all members could donate \$20.00 so Perry can purchase burgers, hot dogs and buns.
- I. For the Good of the Parish: St. Nicholas Shrine Fundraiser discussed to be possibly held during our Food Fest. K Ioannou and K Apithis will be the committee to come up with more information.
T Sikoral passed out a flyer from our last session in regards to the Vision Statement. He has asked for the council to provide feedback.

Priest Remarks: Our Iconographer Mr. Fotiadis, would like to finish the iconography in the vault over the altar, for \$250,000/5 years.

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th.

T Kanelos will check for available dates at the retreat center for our parish council retreat.

Motion to adjourn was unanimous and meeting ended at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Apithis, Parish Council Secretary