

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2018**

**Commencement of Meeting**

The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:48pm. Fr George also present.

**Parish Council Members in Attendance:** C Agalliu, N Andrews, T Bourmias, W Bozikis, P Giannopoulos, G Giolas, G Houpis, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, T Karabatsos, E Kiriazopoulos, D Loomos, M Pontikes, A Rizos, T Sikoral

Absent: A Demeros, N Gianaris, R Kozlowski, A Koutsikos, L Konstantellos, J Pierce

**Minutes:** The March 20, 2018 minutes were reviewed, discussed, and corrected for typos, grammatical errors and additions/omissions.

**Motion:** To approve minutes as corrected: T Kanelos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote:** 12-0-1 **Pass**

**Correspondence:**

- -Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Sioux City, Iowa is having 100 year anniversary.
  - **Motion:** To approve ½ page ad for \$150: N Andrews/T Kanelos **Vote:** 13-0-0 **Pass**
- -Niles Elementary 5k Fun Run is on 5/17/18 (Culver School) with rain date of 5/21/18. They are looking for volunteers/sponsors. There will be games, raffles. They are looking for donations to Misericordia Foundation or a gift certificate donation.
  - **Motion:** To donate \$100. A Rizos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote:** 11-0-2 **Pass**
- -Request for donation by the Syrian American Medical Society
  - **Motion:** To donate \$100. C Agalliu / 2nd K Ioannou **Vote:** 10-2-2 **Pass**
- -Request to donate to Pan Hellenic Scholarship Foundation 6/15/18 & 6/16/18
  - **Motion:** To make a \$250 donation: T Bourmias / W Bozikis **Vote:** 11-3-0 **Pass**
- -Request for donation by National Hellenic Museum Gala to be held on 5/12/18 at Chicago Marriott 5:30pm. No action taken.

**Treasurer's Report:** Led by D Loomos

Review of candles and trays for Holy Week Services.

Brief Discussion of Financials. Due to tax season, financial report tabled for next meeting

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Anniversary Luncheon:** Thank you to everyone that participated in the Anniversary Luncheon, and a Thank You letter was sent out to all donors & sponsors.

**Food Fest:** Raffle tickets are printed. Rythmos band is booked. Competitive bidding for tables and chairs.

**Phase III Update:** Led by P Giannopoulos. All permits have been submitted to the village. Once permits clear from the village and other internal approvals are completed, they will be able to move forward with clearing the property and fixing the driveway next door. It will not disrupt land used during the Food Festival. General Assembly to occur 5/23/18 to go through the new plan and details from the financing committee and stage discussion. The Metropolis also would like to review project in detail.

P Giannopoulos provided overview of stage options (refer to handout). Options include:

- 1) Built-in Stage
- 2) Portable
- 3) Retractable
- 4) Theater Style Stage

Discussion was had at length, especially with regards to the space available and expense to extend the building.

**Phase III Communication Committee:** Another newsletter will go out.

**Outreach Report:** Led by T Kanelos. Similar challenges for attracting volunteers. Bessie's Table is this Monday (4/23/18). The committee is asking organizations (Young Adults, Philoptochos) to cover serving dates for Bessie's Table. Drivers are also needed for Meals on wheels

**Stewardship:** As of 4/18/18, 376 families have pledged \$244,481 (\$650.22 per family) compared to 391 families who pledged \$222,447 (\$568.92 per family) in April 2017

Several pledges are the \$93/mo pledge. New level of giving to be covered at next meeting on 4/23 to keep momentum going.

**Building and Grounds:** The handrailings from the Church to vestibule quoted at \$1000, A Demeros to look into further. Bathroom in cry room is completed. Icons to be put back up. Regarding the flags, the brace is broken on one of the Christos Anesti flags. Regarding the morning schools and the smell of gas, it has been found no leaks but if smell persists to dismiss students that day. 1) Nicor found leak in kitchen. 2) Nicor shut the gas at the street and tested. The result was that there waere no gas leaks.

**Motion:** To replace heating unit over the office, not to exceed \$5000. T Bournias / T Kanelos

**Vote:** 12-1-1 **Pass**

**By-Laws:** To move forward with changes, General Assembly meeting must be held. The recommended changes have to be approved and passed in order to get loan for Phase III.

**Ushering:** N Andrews, G Houpis thanked everyone for a successful Holy Week.

**Iconography:** Reading from R Kozlowski notes (T Bournias is Chairman): They met the previous night (4/17/18). \$150,000 has been pledged and a donation of \$100,000 is pending. Perhaps the iconography can be completed prior to the 2019 Food Fest. Discussion had with regards to candle smoke damaging iconography, and not using paraffin candles in that area (only Beeswax, more costly). Consideration given to installing a hood or grill to disperse/vent smoke from candles on either side of the altar.

**Motion:** To approve the Iconography report: T Kanelos/ 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote:** 14-0-0 **Pass**

**IOCC** is having their Annual Banquet on 4/16/18. St Haralambos has a 2nd table committed.  
The event starts at 6:00pm

**For the Good of the Parish**

Bright Friday Dinner: The event was successful and many enjoyed good dinner and dance.  
\$885 from dinner donations. Everything was donated except the meat.

Greek Parade: W Bozikis is contacting parade organizers (Enoxis). They have been very difficult to get a hold of. The order will be similar to years past: The scouts in front, followed by Banners, Parish Council, Philoptochos & Schools, Parents after the kids.

Parish Council Retreat: Dates discussed, possibly a Friday leading into Saturday: 5/19/18, 6/9/18, 6/23/18, 9/29/18, 10/27/18

**Motion:** To adjourn. **Vote: Unanimous**

Closing prayers led by Fr Dean at 10:32pm

**Open Items:**

- 1) Group retreat for Parish Council
- 2) School programs being assessed
- 3) Basketball Hoop -->To carry over to the next meeting
- 4) Fixing the Anesti flag

Respectfully submitted by:

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