

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 16, 2018**

**Commencement of Meeting**

The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:47pm. Fr George was also present.

**Parish Council Members in Attendance:** C Agalliu, N Andrews, T Bournias, W Bozikis, N Gianaris, P Giannopoulos, G Giolas, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, T Karabatsos, E Kiriazopoulos, A Koutsikos, R Kozlowski, D Loomos, M Pontikes, A Rizos

**Absent:** A Demeros, G Houpis, L Konstantellos, J Pierce, T Sikoral

**Minutes:** The April 18, 2018 minutes were reviewed, discussed, and corrected for typos.

**Motion** to approve the April Minutes as corrected: T Kanelos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos 11-0-2 **Pass**

**Correspondence**

Thank you's from:

- Cancer S Med
- GOYA trip to Boston
- Orthodox Christian Pan Hellenic Scholarship Foundation
- IOCC donation

**New Correspondence**

- Twelve Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Duluth, MN celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Motion:** to purchase half page ad in their album for \$200 by T Kanelos / 2nd A Rizos

Unanimous **Pass**

-Announcement of Golf Outing event to benefit the Greek American Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre. No action taken.

**Treasury Report**

2017 Year End Financial Report was presented and discussed.

**Motion:** To Accept the financial statement for 2017 pending reclassification of a few items: P Giannopoulos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos. Unanimous **Pass**

Review of January, February, and March financial statements. Discussion had with regards to mailings that go out. When large mailings go out for Raffle tickets for example, cost can be allocated to various fundraisers. The office should record how many are mailed so that it can be deducted.

**Motion** to accept the January 2018 Financials: P Giannopoulos / 2nd N Gianaris  
Unanimous **Pass**

**Motion:** to accept Feb Financials: E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd A Rizos Unanimous **Pass**

**Motion** to accept the March 2018 financials: T Karabatsos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos  
Unanimous **Pass**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Food Fest**

Perry reported that the raffle tickets were mailed out. Early Bird Drawing is Father's Day. Thursday, May 24th is next food fest meeting. Raffle tickets have raised \$3400 so far. The tents and equipment vendors price increase came down from \$7,000 to \$1,000 and they accepted responsibility for liability this year. Next year the committee will consider reaching out to other rental companies, if willing to lower price by \$3000 to \$5000, after reviewing their equipment.

### **Stewardship**

This year 455 families have pledged total of \$286,901 compared to June 2, 2017 with 489 families pledging \$271,000.

### **Stewardship Committee**

Stewardship cards are being sent to ministry leaders to try to get more volunteers. Statistics: 455 cards were filled out, but less than 100 people checking something off with regards to activities willing to volunteer for. General concern with the lack of involvement. Discussion had regarding levels of stewardship and effective fundraising. Further development of the idea of having different categories of giving to be discussed at next meeting.

### **Phase III**

Perry reported that there was a meeting last night. An updated plan of construction will be presented at the upcoming general assembly. There were a group of people concerned about the stage. The structure does not have the room for the stage in the main multipurpose room. It will depend on how presentation will go next week--there is a strong preference by a group of parishioners to have a built-in stage with platform.

Also at the General Assembly meeting, there will be a vote on the By-Law changes. Discussion had with regards to what to present to the General Assembly meeting. Reminded Parish Council the reason for the meeting was to provide information on Phase III and the phasing of construction.

### **Outreach**

Golf outing will be 9/20. A Demeros and Koz working on sponsorships.

### **Building & Grounds**

AC unit changed over offices. Changed the water heater for baptisms. Another 2 weeks to get handrailings up on both sides at the side entrance to the Narthex. Koz is researching options for a table that comes down in the cry room for baptisms. No cost. Fr Dean stated that there was a round picnic table in the back, and that someone came by and fixed it but was unsure of who it was.

**Memorial Day Picnic:** Parish Council provides hotdogs and hamburgers.

### **Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress**

Clergy-Laity Congress is from July 1 - July 5th, 2018 in Boston. Each parish is allowed to send 3 lay people and 1 clergy. Volunteers: T Kanelos, T Boumias, C Agalliu, and R Kozlowski are interested in going.

**Motion** to approve the four identified delegates, three of whom will attend the Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston: A Koutsikos / 2nd G Giolas Unanimous **Pass**

### **For the Good of the Parish**

October 27th, 2018 is the only date available for a Parish Council Retreat at the St Iakovos Retreat Center. Discussion had as members would like to book the date. Now, parishes are not required to donate to the Retreat Center. St Haralambos usually donates about \$5-6k per year, but discussion had whether we should continue to make payments. The donation is accounted for in the budget, and we will continue give it this year.

**Junior Olympics:** Led by D Loomos. The Junior Olympics will take place Memorial Day weekend. Some people want to buy shirts and hoodies separately. There is a logo form. 99 kids signed up, ordered 100 shirts.

Parade: B Bozikis: Thank you for showing up and participating. It was difficult reaching out to the organizers of the parade this year.

Fr Dean: Tomorrow is a big holiday, Ascension Feast of the Pentecost.

**Motion** to adjourn: E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd A Rizos, Unanimous **Pass**.

Closing Prayers at 10:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou,  
Parish Council Secretary