

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2018**

Commencement of Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:35pm. Fr George also present after meeting started.

Parish Council Members in Attendance: C Agalliu, N Andrews, T Bournias, W Bozikis, A Demeros, N Gianaris, G Houpis, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, T Karabatsos, E Kiriazopoulos, L Konstantellos, R Kozlowski, A Koutsikos, D Loomos, J Pierce, A Rizos, T Sikoral

Absent: P Giannopoulos, G Giolas, M Pontikes

Minutes: The February 21, 2018 minutes were reviewed, discussed, and corrected for typos, grammatical errors and additions/omissions.

Motion: To approve minutes as corrected: A Koutsikos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote:** 14-0-2 **Pass**

Correspondence:

- 1) Saint Sophia at Elgin is having a Dinner dance 4-14-18 for \$120 per person
- 2) Thank you from Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries
- 3) Greek Independence Parade 4-29-18. More information in coming weeks

Treasurer's Report: Led by D Loomos

Financial Report for 12-31-17 Review. Discussion of School allocation. Discussion concerning the annual audit of Church finances conducted by the elected Audit Committee. (last occurred in November 2017).

There were questions about wages for clergy and janitorial staff.

Motion: To table 12/31/17 year-end financials. T Kanelos / 2nd T Sikoral **Vote:** 11-1-5 **Tabled**

Committee Reports

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

Food Fest: President Kozlowski requested to raise the Raffle Prize limit to \$36,000. It was discussed whether we need to raffle a car.

1st Prize will be Audi 3, Motorcycle, or \$20,000 Grand Prize; 2nd-place prize of \$2000, 3rd-place prize of \$1,000, and 2 winners of \$500. Early bird prize is \$1000.

Phase III Update: President Kozlowski provided updated information: All drawings submitted to the village, and the committee is waiting to hear back from them. Final approval at the beginning of May and hopefully to be updated in the next few days. P Giannopoulos was trying to schedule a call with the project manager.

Discussion: Looking into the idea of making pledges for matching funds. The Church is looking to borrow about \$500,000 to break ground. We are waiting for contractor's final bid. The renovation of Community Center will be phased in at a later time. The multipurpose building is main focus. Architecturally, there is a change in the roof: it will be flat, which will allow the Church to remain dominant building on the grounds.

There was discussion about financing the project. There was also discussion about the stage in the multipurpose room; whether to have a pull-down temporary stage or a recessed stage. Discussed various methods to involve interested parties in the decision making. There was discussion about having a General Assembly to give a Phase III update.

Phase III Communication Committee: There were inserts on Phase III in the last *Visions* sent to parishioners. Another insert will be included in next *Visions*.

School Board: Fr Dean advised that the Saturday Greek school is looking to hire a teacher's aide at existing salary to replace Joanna Pitisis. Marielena Tamvakis was interviewed by the principle and Fr Dean for the position.

Motion: To hire Marielena Tamvakis to replace teacher aid for Saturday school pending completed background check clearance. E Kiriazopoulos/ 2nd C Agalliu **Vote 15-0-2 Pass**

Outreach Committee: Led by J Pierce: Bessie's table is next Monday 3/26/18. 3/24/18 is Meals on Wheels, and there aren't enough drivers. It was discussed there are ladies from Philoptochos interested in cooking/serving. T Kanelos has cooked in the past, but the schedule is in the office, and if they want to do a date they can let T Kanelos know and review the schedule posted. Outreach committee has done coffee hour, in order to try to publicize Outreach Committee.

Stewardship: As of 3/20/18, 326 families have pledged \$218,491 compared to 304 families who pledged \$174,252 in March 2017.

Building and Grounds: Led by T Karabatsos. Cry room bathroom almost completed, with goal to be finished by end of week. There is a recurrent problem with a gas smell. There is a need replace rooftop unit not to exceed \$5000 (30 year old unit). Fr Dean requested a handrail for the stairs in the walkway.

By-Laws: Processes of editing bylaws, no change from last month. Looking to modify the document. In order to change them we have to have a General Assembly meeting, and TK will look into seeing what the overall process is.

Ushering: N Andrews advised, need help and asked that ushering be taken seriously. Please arrive by 9:30 on Sunday. Help is needed ushering on Sunday, Wednesday, and especially for Friday services. Look for Ushering schedule to come out for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday services. Candles have been ordered. On Palm Sunday, tables will be set up. Discussion at length with how many trays inside/outside and what times.

Candles will remain at \$3.

Finance Committee: T Sikoral. Tom and Larry met. Jimmy Grammas is also involved. The purpose of the committee will be to deal with all aspects including auditing.

For the Good of the Parish

Bright Friday Dinner: Chairperson E Kiriazopoulos. On the menu after discussion is Lamb, chicken, pork, potatoes. Kids menu also provided. There will be music and festivities. \$25 per ticket.

Lamb Roast Competition. Does not seem to be enough interest.

Fall Fest: a Fall Mini Food Fest for one day, mid-September, inside/out set up. Discussion regarding continuing with an annual Fall Fest.

Inreach Committee--T Kanelos reported. The committee is about 10 people. Speaker events have been extremely informative and motivational.

It was suggested that Inreach speaker events should be posted on website.

Little City--**Motion:** To give \$300 to Little City in memory of George Alexandrou: T Kanelos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote** 16-0-1 **Pass**

A Demeros: Will look into quotes for basketball nets

D Loomos advised that Vasiliki Analitis wanted to donate 100-200 stacking chairs to us.

G Houpis: Requested all Parish Council Members to start using the new email addresses assigned to them. There is a portal on the website, but can also set it up on the phone.

R Kozlowski: Next meeting date is April 18, 2018.

Enthronement-Fr Dean: Ceremony at the Cathedral 11:00 am on March 24 for the Enthronement of Metropolitan Nathanael. Everybody is invited, and it is expected to be a festive event. The luncheon at the Hilton is sold out, St Haralambos has 3 tables.

Motion: To adjourn: A Koutsikos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: Unanimous**

Closing prayers led by Fr Dean at 10:10pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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Parish Council Secretary

Argy Koutsikos,
Parish Council Assistant Secretary

Open Items:

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