

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:36pm. Fr George was also present.

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

Absent: D Loomos, M Pontikes

Minutes: Review of the minutes from August 22, 2018 Parish Council meeting.

Motion: To approve August 2018 Parish Council meeting minutes as corrected.

G Giolas / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos. **Vote:** 12-0-5 **Pass**

Correspondence:

-Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church-Chicago is hosting their 90th year anniversary gala at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois. Their Program Book: *Blossoming with Beauty, Strength & Love* will include sponsors.

Motion: T Kanelos / 2nd L Konstantellos: To make a \$250 donation supporting St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago 90th Anniversary Gala. **Vote:** 13-3-1 **Pass**

-Holly Jolly Niles Market request for donation. Different levels of donation range from \$100 to \$1500.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: To table the August 2018 financial report: T Kanelos / 2nd T Sikoral. **Vote:** 16-0-1 **Pass**

Discussion had concerning the time commitment and skill set needed for segregating income that the church receives.

Motion: For the Financial Committee or Treasurer to investigate a better way to track financials electronically. G Giolas / 2nd T Karabatsos. Discussion: G Giolas will lead. **Vote:** 15-2-0 **Pass**

Motion: To have a presentation, by treasurer with assistance, to show Parish Council members the processes of recording incoming money (the Red Book), at an upcoming Parish Council meeting. G Houpis / 2nd T Kanelos **Vote:** 16-1-0 **Pass**

Phase 3: Led by P Giannopoulos. Permits have been submitted to the village, and have gone back to the architects for some adjustments. We are still working within the parameters of \$3.6 million, with some flexibility as far as how much we can spend. Pappas is ready to start.

Finance Committee: L Konstantellos: There is a new pledge form which is condensed from previous version. The financing with MB Financial and 1st Midwest is secured, waiting for information from 5/3rd which should be available by next week, but we don't have to provide a decision until the end of September and that date can be moved.

Stewardship Committee: G Giolas: As of Sept 19, 2018, there are 580 families that pledged \$346,581, with an average of \$597 per family. Last year to date there were 543 families that had pledged \$285,083. Next Wednesday (9/26/18) is next stewardship meeting.

Golf Outing: A Demeros: There are 84 golfers signed up, strong support this year.

Men's Event tickets have been made; the event will take place at Fountain Blue, Nov 21, 2018.

Building & Grounds: No report, but lights in front of the church were off before the start of the meeting. Church grounds were dark when driving from Caldwell. Door hinges were fixed.

Groundbreaking Gala: DJ Jim Veikos band is booked. Groundbreaking Gala on 11/11 will take place at the Meridian, \$125 per ticket, \$25 for under 12.

Anniversary Luncheon (2/10/19) also at the Meridian. Music by Rythmos. Guests must RSVP and prepay at the time of reservation. Discussion had as methods used to fundraise (raffles, auctions, various levels of giving).

Parish Council Retreat: T Kanelos: The retreat will take place October 26-27. Booked St Iakovos Retreat center.

Outreach Committee: J Pierce: Youth & Jr GOYA are participating in volunteer event: Feed My Starving Children 10/8/18 (Columbus Day) from 8p-9:30p at the Libertyville location. Senior GOYA will have a Portillo's Fundraiser on 10/8/18 from 11am-8pm at 8832 Dempster Rd, Niles, IL location. Must show flyer, and GOYA will receive 20% towards the outreach trip.

Executive Session: Tom Kanelos moved to enter Executive Session. Tom Sikoral seconded and the motion passed.

Executive Session Ended

Motion: To Adjourn: T Kanelos / 2nd T Sikoral **Vote: Unanimous: Pass**

Closing Prayers led by Fr Dean at 10:40pm

Open Items:

- 1) J Pierce offered typed parameters for hiring of teachers, to be presented at future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou
Parish Council Secretary