

Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church-Niles, Illinois
Parish Council Minutes for October 19, 2016

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 7:39 p.m. with Father George leading us in prayer and present for the duration of the meeting. President Giannopoulos presided over the meeting, for its duration, and Argy Koutsikos, as recording secretary, recorded the matters addressed.

Parish Council Members in Attendance: Present: P Giannopoulos, T Kanelos, A Koutsikos, A Rizos, R Kozlowski, W Bozikis, K Ioannou, N Andrews, D Houpis, A Demeros, D Loomos, L Konstantellos, K Apithis, T Sikoral, E Kiriazopoulos, T Bournias.

Absent: N Gianaris, T Karabatsos, M Pontikes, C Agalliu, J Aliferis.

President's Remarks: Members in attendance were greeted by President Giannopoulos
Minutes of September 21, 2016 **Motion:** To table minutes from 9-21-16 meeting made by 1st T Kanelos /2nd K Apithis **Vote:** unanimous

Correspondence:

- 1) Assessment received for contribution to the St. Iakovos Retreat Center
- 2) Save the date Fight for Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon on 10-23-16, 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- 3) St. Andrews celebrating 90th Anniversary on 12-3-16 @ Lowe's Chicago Hotel.
- 4) Greek American Rehabilitation annual Hellenic Legacy Gala on 11-18-16.
- 5) Doctors without Borders seeks donation. **Motion:** To donate \$250.00 made by 1st A Koutsikos/2nd R Kozlowski. **Vote:**12-0-2

Outreach Committee report presented by John Pierce: Discussion as to costs for Bessie's Table and Meals on Wheels -sufficient to allocate \$3,000.00 for these service projects in the next annual budget. This year will be the 3rd year to host Thanksgiving luncheon- have reached out to the YMCA to advise its residents - determining necessity and means of transport for those residents to attend.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report of 8-31-16 was reviewed/discussion of certain line items. **Motion:** To accept 8-31-16 report made by 1st A Demeros/2nd A Rizos **Vote:** 14-0-0

Committee Reports:

2017 Budget- Preliminary general overview discussion -noted that new computers previously voted on and approved by P.C. have been purchased. Detail budget discussion to be conducted in November.

Phase III- Subcontractor has offered to help significantly with project and bring overall cost down to @ 5-5.5 million. D Houpis circulated a memo he prepared itemizing elimination of certain aspects of the General Assembly's previously approved expansion project and/or suggestions as to staggered completion of project.

Fall Fund Raiser- 4 tickets to home Bears game raffle prize won by Presvytera Diana.

Event was fun - attendance was modest given that only had 1 week to get the word out. Raised \$980.0 net.

Golf Outing- In total had @ 75 golfers- there were great sponsorship support/donations. Raised @ \$16,000.0 net.

Stewardship Campaign-

Looking to get a group of volunteers to facilitate and assist in the envisioned direction Father George would like to approach the upcoming Stewardship Campaign-get more stewards involved in the various ministries the Church offers- the more stewards become engaged and participate in the ministries the more likely Stewardship will show a positive trend. Discussion of doing a social media blast and the upgrade of our existing software program by implementing the Archdiocese authored program. Father George noted that the Stewardship Campaign needs a strong group of stewards to put together a cohesive campaign and make it happen. L Konstantellos and A Koutsikos volunteered.

2016 Men's Event-

Date is 11-23-16. In 2015, 229 people attended -grossed 28k-net 19k

2017 Dinner Dance-

P Giannopoulos indicated that a couple of potential chair people have been approached- it will be a luncheon on 2-12-17. Will need help in undertaking Ad Book program.

Building and Grounds-

The insurance claim forms for the garage have been completed but not yet submitted. Policy is capped at \$25,000.00 for garage contents- the replacement cost for lost contents will exceed the policy cap.

For the Good of the Parish-

Metropolitan Iakovos Namesday banquet on 10-27-16, please consider attending in his Eminence's honor.

General Assembly to nominate Election Board and Audit Committee on 10-23-16 or 10-30-16 .

General Assembly for 2017 Budget presentation and to seek approval of same to be held on 12-4-16 but if no quorum then 12-11-16.

In furtherance of the fundraiser for the St. Nicholas Shrine will pass a special tray each Sunday in November and through 12-4-16.

Discussion as to the questions still raised by Parish members for the completion of the Consecration commemorative book-has raised many questions as to our ability to see projects completed.

This past weekend Father Dean's and Father George's offices were remodeled with replacing carpeting, painting and furniture. There is still issues with leaks in @ 6 areas in the office; also issue with leaks in the school classrooms- the last classroom was closed from use do to this problem. Need to determine the cause of the leaks (i.e. roof leaks or condensation). In the past there were proposals submitted by contractor for repairs to classroom(s) but given the passage of time will need to obtain current proposals.

P.C. had previously approved that 50k be taken out from Food Fest net and put into a capital improvement fund-that should be done to have funds available for repairs such as those needed in classroom(s).

D Houpis proposed that any parish employees not work on Sunday-discussion had. Subject of stewardship again discussed and the importance of getting people involved with the ministries and activities sponsored by the Parish in lieu of emphasis solely on monetary support.

Priest's Comments-

Father George thanked R Kozlowski for effectuating the office remodeling. Discussed benefits to the Parish by offering seminars for different educational and spiritual topics. Father George attended the documentary screening of Screenagers that took place earlier today at Glenbrook South H.S. - he shared some of the statistics from the film which are alarming- how much time on average is spent on electronic devices/screens. October is Clergy appreciation month. Next meeting 11-16-16.

Motion: To adjourn made by 1st A Rizos/2nd E Kiriazopoulos

Meeting adjourned 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Argy Koutsikos, Recording Secretary

Open Items for resolution:

1) School programs to be assessed by professional team of educators. 2) Basketball hoop for the youth. 3) Parish Council going as a group to St. Iakovos Retreat Center. 4) Circulate copy of Parish Bylaws to all Parish Council members