

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

**Commencement of Meeting:** Meeting began with Fr Dean leading prayers at 7:43 pm. Fr George is also present

**Attendance:** C Agalliu, N Andrews, W Bozikis, T Bournias, A Demeros, N Gianaris, P Giannopoulos, G Giolas, G Houpis, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, R Kozlowski, E Kiriazopoulos, A Koutsikos, J Pierce, D Loomos, A Rizos, T Sikoral

**Absent:** T Karabatsos, L Konstantellos, M Pontikes

**Minutes:** October 2019 Parish Council Meeting Minutes accepted as corrected

**Vote: 12-0-2 Pass**

**Correspondence:**

- 1) OC Prison Ministry Donation Request
- 2) Mercy Home looking for donation
- 3) Metropolis letter for 2020 commitment (\$98,555, assessment comes from Archdiocese). 12/12/19 is the deadline for appeal

**Contributions:** Total discussed to date, table donations until total contributions to date is clarified (different on financial statement vs minutes)

**Treasurer's Report:** Review of September 2019 Financials

Capital Projects: \$64,442.58 is from insurance funds (garage + roof maintenance)

Contingency fund is the \$50,000 from the foodfest (taken from the operating account). Need to review chanter invoices (discrepancy from current year and prior years).

**Motion** to table September and October Financials: T Kanelos / 2nd A Demeros

**Vote: 14-1-1 Pass**

**Committee Reports:**

**Youth Protection:** Target date for Dec 15 for all Parishes to have their volunteers identified, to become certified. Praesidium is the platform by which training and background checks are completed. Service fee went up from \$17 per person to \$28 per person

**Motion:** T Kanelos / 2nd A Demeros: That the entire parish council go through the background check and strongly recommend youth worker protection training. Discussion had with regards to making it a mandatory process. **Vote 8-7-2 Pass**

**Phase III:** Foundation walls are done. A few of the beams are going to be delivered here, that will be going in the basement as supports. To pick a weekend (Dec 7-9, tentatively) to set up the beams outside (about 20 feet long). It is the same weekend as the Christmas Retreat; on the Sunday we would invite the community to come through and decorate them and allow people to come decorate/sign. Perry will work on a flyer

**Phase III Communication:** A post on the bulletin of the Communication of Phase III and of parish council member photos, and minutes

**One Year Plan Committee Reports:** To put a hold on the individual task force groups and remove from agenda for now

Thank you for the Stewardship Luncheon; it was well received. Brochure was helpful which had a summary of stewardship statistics and pie chart of church revenue

**Stewardship:** 1st draft of the 2020 card. Remove the checkbox off of the form to offset the Archdiocese Commitment. Kiosk will cost \$1499 and \$30/mo maintenance

**Motion** A Demeros/ 2nd T Bournias to purchase the kiosk for \$1499 and \$30 monthly maintenance fee: **Vote 11-2-3 Pass**

**Pledges:** As of November 20th, 614 people pledged \$340,343 (\$554.30/family) in 2018, and 614 pledged \$361,278 (\$588.40/family) in 2019.

**Outreach Committee:** People are starting to recognize that we do outreach here and other parish members are asking to be involved. Thanksgiving Luncheon: Argy and T Kanelos are very involved 11:00am-1:00pm, one of the ladies put several flyers out. Main attendance are expected from YMCA or normal Meals on Wheels program. We are approximately serving for 100 people total. We will know how many we are cooking meals on wheels for 5 days before. The extra food from the luncheon given to the YMCA; they requested that if we do take over food to provide silverware/plates. Outreach is also doing a coat drive.

**School Board:** Saturday school is looking to hire due to reassignment of Kyriaki Georgella

**Motion:** Based on the recommendation of the school board president and subject to a background check, move to accept the hiring of Eleftheria Barouni. P Giannopoulos / 2nd C Agalliu **Vote 13-0-3 Pass.** Discussion of required versus optimal meeting of school board with Parish Council - 3 minimally, but more frequent visits would be welcomed by the Parish Council

**Buildings and Grounds:** Leaks in the community center; request to look at the ceiling along the by the refrigerator area. Thermometer to sync with phone app to record temps - Angelo will look into thermometer. Check fridge/freezer in the meantime (office staff). Spotlights out, one in the altar.

**Men's Event:** Purchase tickets! For the tv prize, raffle money can go to a family in need

**Anniversary Dinner:** Lots of food options available. Last year's price was \$75 at the Meridian. Every year our Feast Day falls close to Apokries. We are combining the anniversary dinner with the apokriatiko dinner. PTO is chairing the event with the proceeds going to the parish. To take place at Fountain Blue. Menu includes chicken, macaroni, appetizers, 4 hours of open bar. Lambros is working with Adbook committee.

**Motion** To charge adults \$75 and children \$25: T Kanelos/ 2nd G Giolas **Vote: 11-1-3 Pass**

**School Board Accounts** -- Option to have the discretionary funds roll over year after year so that if they wanted to make a larger purchase the funds are available and not lost.

**Motion** To have a line item under Restricted Funds as part of the general budget, for any discretionary funds to rollover for the benefit and use for all of the schools. T Bournias / 2nd A Demeros **Vote: 15-1-0 Pass**

Question: Are employees of the school who are on the school board, voting members?

Timeclock is installed, it's on the computer, with a few glitches to work through.

At last General Assembly: Board of Election swap. Someone who is employed by the Church cannot serve as that function, law says the parish council can choose another person. Anna Sikoral cannot be on the Board of Election.

**Motion:** T Kanelos / 2nd G Houpis move that Gabriel Couris be on the Board of Elections to replace A Sikoral. **Vote: 16-0-0 Pass**

Budget General Assembly: Set 12/1/19, 12/8/19 if no quorum.

**Priests Remarks:** Iconography to be pushed back to Spring vs December. Fr Dean Velis also is attendance for tonight's meeting; parishioners may attend meetings but cannot vote. Fr Dean is slowly increasing activity after being away for a few weeks and had to delegate some administrative functions.

People come for liturgy and to make it positive worship experience. If people are more genuine in their beliefs, it will radiate to positive things. The paraklesis service had a strong attendance. The Church is a tool for healing. Fr George stayed after 8:30 when the service ended until about 9:45 talking with parishioners.

**Motion** to adjourn E Kiriazopoulos, 2nd A Rizos **Vote Unanimous Pass**

Closing prayers led by Fr Dean at 10:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou, Recording Secretary

Open Items:

- 1) Spotlights
- 2) Freezer/fridge temperature and thermometer (Angelo)
- 3) Community center leaks
- 4) School Board (employment status for voting rights and conflict of interest)