

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2019**

Commencement of Meeting: Opening prayers led by Father Dean at 7:39pm. Father George is also present.

Attendance: C Agalliu, N Andrews, G Giolas, G Houpis, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, T Karabatsos, E Kiriazopoulos, L Konstantellos, A Koutsikos, R Kozlowski, J Pierce, A Rizos, T Sikoral.

Motion: To accept the November 20, 2019 Parish Council meeting minutes as modified A Koutsikos / 2nd G Giolas **Vote 11-0-1 Pass**

Correspondence:

Thank you note for donation from the Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico for donation.

Donation requests:

- Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries (every year we give \$100)
- Mercy Home of Chicago Boys from \$150 188, \$225 or other
- Greater Chicago Food Depository \$25, \$50 or other
- **\$3735 spent in Contributions to date**

Motion to donate Ancient Faith Radio \$200 G Giolas / 2nd L Konstantellos **Vote: 11-2-0 Pass**

Treasurer's Report

Correction made as to chanter and janitor wages.

Motion: Accept September 2019 Financial Statement as corrected: T Sikoral / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote 11-0-2 Pass**

Motion: Accept the October 2019 Financial Statement: T Sikoral / G Giolas **Vote: 11-0-2 Pass**

Motion: Accept the November 2019 Financial Statement: T Sikoral/G Giolas **Vote: 12-0-1 Pass**

Committee Reports

Youth Protection Policy: Presented by A Koutsikos. There are lots of kinks in the system with the vendor not being accessible, people not getting the email with the link etc. At this point we have about 117-123 people; only 100 are showing up on the compliance list. It's impossible to meet the deadline; they are pushing back the deadline to January 15, 2020. Background checks will be linked out potentially after next Monday. Pause on all background checks because of the renegotiation for the cost, now there are 2 tiers to choose from; one basic and one to include as driver.

Phase III: Meeting yesterday to bring up to speed. Pappas still providing recommendations for saving (materials etc). North parking lot owners may not allow us to use driveway beginning April (owner looking to repave).

Phase III Communication: Some information in Visions. Draft a new communication letter with pictures of recent beams that have gone up.

Phase III Fundraising: Good opportunity to reach out to some people after pictures go out, and if we can get a list of people who have pledged but haven't fully donated. Lambros will be spending a day to make phone calls

Stewardship: Kiosk is ordered. Within the next week will be installed and programmed.

Location to be where the current trophy case is and put the kiosk in its place. It is a high traffic location, in front of the office and doors of the community center and near the back entry way.

The trophies will be moved to the smaller case/stored until the new building opens. Open item: Commitment versus a payment for Stewardship.

Outreach: Needed styrofoam containers for next MoW. John went to Gordon's and bought 75 loukoumades and 100 cup covers, cups. **Thanksgiving Luncheon:** We served about 70 meals, some were MoW, there were 60 guests, maybe 30 from YMCA and maybe 30 from elsewhere. There weren't many people that took the bus, and 7 people needed wheelchair access and could not come. Decorations were nice, the food was good, it was a pleasant experience. Everything we donated. What is the cost of a bus on Thanksgiving Day? \$261.

School Board: No report.

Building & Grounds: Do we need a lift for the wreathes. Gutters froze and water was leaking into the community center but is ok now. Fire alarm sensors and carbon monoxide sensors need to be changed (few have already been changed). Increased visits of the fire department due to faulty sensors. Niles is offering monitoring, which is cheaper than what we pay right now (Open item). Bid for new system in the future.

Prior Open Items Discussion: Lift for lamps: 1 flood light in the altar; the pole light. Tube light in the ballast has been flickering. Pole light is out (maybe from accidental dig). No heat in the front unit of the church because not able to access in the south east corner but we think they are working. Very little heat in the vestibule in the foyer since the heating was fixed. Narthex was cold, damper may need to be adjusted. Tuck pointing

Men's Event: about \$20,000 in revenue

2020 Anniversary Dinner Dance 2/16/19: Georgia Bepis is chairing the event, Lambros is working on the adbook. We sent all the adbook contracts out and a letter. Next step is to gather on the information in early January to take the next step. There will also be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle.

Metropolis Chicago Inaugural Servant Leadership Awards: Discussion had at length about the process for nominations of the leadership award. 12-0-1 for informal poll about having a letter sent to Metropolitan. Volunteers: Lambro will be on the committee as chairperson. To be discussed in the Newsletter.

Priest's Remarks: This holiday is a joyful celebration and to focus on the joy we should be experiencing. Also be meaningful in worship so that we can have more meaningful experiences. Elections for Parish Council - thank you to J Pierce and G Houpis, who are not coming back on the council, and they have provided wonderful insight.

Motion to Adjourn: A Rizos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos Vote: Unanimous Pass

Closing Prayers led by Father Dean at 10:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou Recording Secretary

Open Items:

- 1) Lights in Church
- 2) Programming/customizing and tailoring the Kiosk: Commitment versus a payment for stewardship
- 3) Carbon Monoxide / Smoke Detector bids