

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

Commencement of Meeting: Meeting began with Fr Dean leading prayer at 7:37 pm. Fr George is also present.

Attendance: C Agalliu, N Andrews, B Bozikis, T Bournias, A Demeros, N Gianaris, G Giolas, K Ioannou, D Loomos, T Kanelos, E Kiriazopoulos, A Koutsikos, R Kozlowski, N Megremis, M Pontikes, A Rizos, T Sikoral, T Zavos

Absent: P Giannopoulos, T Karabatsos, L Konstantellos

Oath of Parish Council Office was taken by Christos Agalliu and Tom Zavos

President's Remarks: Welcome to the new board members

Correspondence:

- 1) Thank you letter from Orpheus Dance Troupe for \$500 donation
- 2) Thank you letter from Martha & Mary Maternity House Annual Dinner Benefit dinner donation of \$250

Treasurer's Report:

Review of December 2019 financials and discussion.

Motion to accept the report with modifications (interest income deducted)

G Giolas / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: 14-0-1 Pass**

Minutes:

Motion To approve the January 2020 Parish Council Meeting Minutes as revised:

E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd N Andrews **Vote 14-0-1 Pass**

Outreach: Mr and Mrs Vasilopoulos donated \$300 to the committee. Discussion of delivering food to the homeless living under the bridges of Kennedy. K Anastasiades and A Prekas will organize if there is enough interest. Perhaps having a police officer accompany the group on the delivery. MoW will be separate from the meals delivered to the homeless under bridge on the Kennedy.

Youth Protection Policy: Many people who did the background check did not complete the coursework. Argy has reached out to many people over the past 3 weeks to complete the certification process. Discussion had to have a lanyard with identification so that certified people are easily identifiable. The directors should know the workers who are with them. We have 106 youth volunteers to date.

Phase III: Presented by T Kanelos. Weather has cooperated. Walk through on Saturday through the building at 1:30 with the committee. Questions had about time frame of completion; hopefully it will be finished for use by the fall, about 5 to 6 months after the roof is up. The council also had discussion with regards to programs we will be able to have in the building, including school programs, baptism receptions etc. There were 647 stewards in 2019; only about 100 people have committed or pledged to Phase III. Angelo has a list which he will start making calls for commitment.

Stewardship: As of Feb 19, 2019, 253 families pledged \$184,815 or \$730 per family. As of Feb 19, 2020, 253 families pledged \$202,005 or \$798 per family. This year the goal graphic will seem to be more attainable. Kiosk is for quick donations. Online giving is available on the parish website for major funding such as schools, iconography. There will be a flyer. The committee has the ability to generate monthly reports of revenues/donations through the kiosk.

Buildings and Grounds: Lighting in front of the church replaced. Changed a few LEDs out on the chandelier; still working for a bulb that is compatible with the dimming system for LEDs. Tube light outside the altar to be looked at. The wireless microphone in community center not working as well as in the church

Dinner Dance: Tremendous success; early results, the estimate of net of \$40,000. We budgeted for \$20,000. \$23,000 was the adbook. The numbers are still being worked out.

Motion: to go into executive session, T Kanelos / 2nd T Sikoral **Vote: Pass Unanimous**

Motion to end executive session: M Pontikes / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: Pass Unanimous**

For the Good of the Parish:

Discussion had to have a sponsorship for the Metropolitan Awards Banquet

Motion to donate \$2500 to the Inaugural Servant Leadership Awards Banquet. A Demeros / G Giolas **Vote 9-4-3 Pass**

Next meeting to talk about the prizes and raffle tickets printed. Lambros already has 3 x \$500 donations. Print tickets by April 1.

Priest's remarks:

Repentance, March 2nd Great Lent starts. The focus should be doing things with Love and not having a hard heart or being callous. The way that we greet visitors and the way we treat people at coffee hour etc. We are called to be images and likeness of God. With lent, we would like to tint everything that we do, the fasting, the alms with a greater spirit of love.

Other: M Pontikes: Audit findings - Payment that left for iconography that isn't fully vetted; the money wasn't there. The last 2 Junes we've made payments. Discussion: The money was put into the account in December and it wasn't transferred until January. There were 2 checks for \$10,000 and one check for \$5,000 (Jun 13, 2019). The money was transferred to the operating account at first.

Discussion had with regards to a parishioner who recently passed and the will. About \$400 was brought to the church, which will go into the Phase III account.

There will be an email and survey from the office, please watch out for it. Anna Sikoral is working on the **Strategic Planning Survey** (Laye leadership, how prepared are we)

Motion to adjourn T Sikoral / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: Pass Unanimous**

Closing Prayers lead by Fr Dean at 10:32pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Krystal Ioannou, Recording Secretary