

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 7:09pm with prayers being led by Father Dean via Zoom. Father George is also present.

Attendance: C Agalliu, W Bozikis, T Bournias, P Giannopoulos, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, T Karabatsos, E Kiriazopoulos, A Koutsikos, R Kozlowski, D Loomos, N Megremis, M Pontikes, A Rizos, T Sikoral, T Zavos

Absent: N Andrews, A Demeros, N Gianaris, G Giolas, L Konstantellos

Treasurer's Report: Motion to table the August 2020 Treasurer's Report: A Koutsikos / 2nd D Loomos. **Vote: Pass 11-0-1 Unanimously**

Minutes: Motion to approve the August 19, 2020 minutes as corrected. C Agalliu / 2nd N Megremis **Vote 11-0-1 Pass Unanimously**

Committee Reports:

School Board: Led by Olympia Bournias, Tom Zavos. Handout provided to Parish Council via email prior to meeting and screen shared during the Zoom meeting. The presentation summarized the 2020-2021 School Startup which included:

1. Detailed School Readiness plan
2. School classrooms opened as planned for in-person instructions
3. Virtual Classroom established for remote instruction (Afternoon & Saturday Programs)
4. Student enrollment significantly lower than prior years due to COV19 uncertainty
5. Teaching staff appropriately right-sized based on student enrollment
6. 2020-2021 School draft operating budget developed – fully covering School direct expenses

2019-2020 School Operating Budget Summary indicated a net favorability of \$81,500. An operating budget with a 5-year history was also presented, with a net favorability of \$63,000 over the 5 years (2015-2020). A draft of the operating budget summary for the 2020-2021 school year indicated a net deficit of \$58,000. Austerity measures were included in the draft budget, with risk of \$9,600 and opportunities of \$29,000.

Resume of Helen Angelina Kakares was provided by T Zavos prior to Parish Council Meeting.

Motion: To hire Helen Angelina Kakares for the 4th grade afternoon program. T Kanelos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos. **Vote: 12-0-1**, T Zavos abstained (on School Board). **Pass Unanimously**

Employees on School Board Voting: Regarding voting members of the School Board: It wasn't found within historical minutes (of the Parish Council) that the most recent edition of School By-Laws were approved. Previous School By-Laws may still stand. Original document is in the Church Office for further review.

Executive Committee Report: Postponed until October 2020 Parish Council meeting

Phase III: Led by P Giannopoulos. Painting of the new facility is looking sharp. The first floor ceiling color is an off-white. Lighting and electrical is being installed next. Front windows were

installed. Next will be the basketball court flooring. The parking lot has been completed, with the striping finished on Monday.

Motion: To approve for up to \$60,000 for the integration of a new security system for the new building. T Zavos / 2nd D Loomos **Vote: 13-0-2 Pass Unanimously**

Fall Fest: Led by P Giannopoulos. Everything this year is new. With the dine-in option, food, and raffle, about \$9,000 intake so far (online), plus \$3,074 from donations (yellow receipts). Festival will occur Sept 19-20 from 1pm to 8pm. Overall cost is low. Please share the festival link on social media. Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer. A Covid-19 Questionnaire, temperature check, masks will be mandatory. Thank you, Perry for all your hard work!

Agape Ministry: Led by T Kanelos. To date, 1,375 bags of groceries have been donated, more than 10 tons of food. Thank you to Chris Agalliu, Ted Karabatsos, Eleni Kiriazopoulos, Argy Koutsikos, R Kozlowski for the hours of volunteering put in.

New Facility: Led by Fr Dean. R Kozlowski sent out a list of bullet points for the new facility and operations and policies to consider. Committee volunteers: T Kanelos, E Kiriazopoulos, D Loomos. They will try to meet with other ministry leaders to start conversation for the building's use. Also, consider speaking with other churches to see what they are doing with their extra space. Discussion had with regards to Sunday School and catechism. Goya met on Monday (27 high school students) and Jr Goya will meet the following Monday.

Priest's Remarks:

Thank you to Tom Zavos for all the hours spent with the schools and Perry Giannopoulos for organizing the Drive-through food festival. Ushering - please volunteer! Looking to fill spots for liturgy and sacrament services. Thank you to G Giolas for setting up the Signup Genius website! Feel free to ask anyone outside of parish council. Thank you to Anna Prekas and Nick Megremis for assisting with ushering!

For the Good of the Parish

Clergy Laity Conference: Was held virtually September 9-10. There were 1200 people in attendance. There was a very informative presentation regarding the clergy pension, with a sizable pension shortfall. St Nicholas National Shrine restarted construction. Anticipated Consecration date of September 11, 2021.

Parking: Our neighbor, Summit Industries, has a need of parking and asked to rent space. They were very considerate to St. Haralambos during construction of Phase 3. This was discussed and it was decided to initially allow them to park in reciprocation as a good neighbor gesture, with the possibility of requesting a fee at a later time.

A new edition of *Visions* is in progress for publication.

Telos Project: There will be a young adult event at the end of September with K Anastasiadis and Fr George.

Budget meeting will take place on 10/7/2020

Next Parish Council meeting will be 10/21/2020

Motion to Adjourn: A Rizos / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos. **Vote Pass Unanimously.** Closing prayers led by Fr Dean, 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou,
Recording Secretary