

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palos Hills, IL
March 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT:

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| Fr. Nicholas Dahdal | Andy Kladis |
| Demitri Andrikopoulos | Janet Koliopoulos |
| Tom Berchos | Sue Kouchis |
| Leo Bezanis | George Lattas |
| Liz Christofylakis | Mike Orrico |
| Mark Dinos | Effie Panos |
| Angelo Fotopoulos | Andy Sampalis |
| Gerry Galatis | Elaine Simadis |
| Peter Kaftantzis | Jim Stavrou |
| Gus Kapsaskis | Tony Vouris |

ABSENT:

Telly Visvardis

- I. Jim Stavrou, called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The meeting commenced with 19 members present.
- II. Mark Dinos made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting. Sue Kouchis seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- III. President's report delivered by Jim Stavrou
 - a. Thanked entire PC for taking the time to meet with Fr. Luke and Presvytera during their visit.
 - b. Members of the Executive Committee met with the Metropolitan on Sunday evening after Fr. Luke's visit. During discussions, the Metropolitan asked the EC to postpone any vote on Fr. Luke. During the meeting, EC asked for help for Fr. Nicholas during Holy Week. The Metropolitan did state Fr. Methodios is in town from Greece and would be able to assist us.
 - c. The following day after the EC met with the Metropolitan, the Metropolitan called a conference call with the EC to inform us that Fr. Luke was no longer an option for us, and the Metropolitan would be assigning a permanent Proestamenos within 2 weeks' time to being after Pascha. It is expected that the parish invests in this individual by paying for them to take part in the 4 year leadership program put together by the Metropolis.
 - d. Feed 6 event was very successful 150 volunteers were on hand, including parishioners from other parishes, to prepare 100k meals. Total cost for the event was \$35k with ½ of being covered thru donations.
 - e. September 9, 2023 – Basil the Comedian will be back to perform. More details to come.

IV. Pastoral report delivered by Fr. Nicholas

- a. Vanessa Katsouris has resigned her position. In the interim, Sandy Chakonas will be helping out in the office 3 days per week as a volunteer.
- b. Working on the mailer for Pascha, should be out by month end.
- c. June 7, 2023 is the Greek consulate Trip – cost will be reimbursed to us.

V. Financial report delivered by Elaine Simadis

- a. Will have to dip into savings to cover payroll for March.
- b. Per our bylaws, will be taking the 5% draw from each endowment in the next several months.

VI. Stewardship/Philanthropy report delivered by George Lattas

- a. As of March 21, 2023, we have 256 paid stewards with an average give of \$500.
- b. We were 1 of 6 churches selected within the Metropolis to be part of a workshop related to Stewardship. It is a seminar that will take place at the church, lasting about 3 hours. It was agreed upon by entire PC, that entire PC should be present at this seminar as Stewardship is an important aspect of our church.
- c. George stated he can no longer take on role of stewardship by himself and will need to identify 6 individuals to be a part of it including form outside the Parish Council. Mark Dinos and Sue Kouchis stated they would assist.

VII: Old Business

- 1. East Room Beautification – Tony Vouris
 - a. No bids as of yet – will try for 2 weeks from today which would be April 4.
- 2. Maintenance – Peter Kaftantzis
 - a. Baptismal area is in need of major repair – P trap needs to be replaced from years of buildup. Will need to break apart marble to fix problem. A containment zone will be created. Work will most likely being after Easter.
 - b. Waiting on new carpet to be installed to complete the work in Fr. Nicholas' office.
 - c. In process of getting 3 bids for grass cutting for the season.
- 3. Golf Outing – George Lattas
 - a. May 25, 2023 at The Odyssey. More details to come.
- 4. Festival – Elaine Simadis / Gerry Galatis
 - a. Met with the heads of each area to discuss needs. Waiting on each group to email us what they need. Next meeting April 27, 2023.

- b. Gerry has reached out to the association of carnival companies to inquire on new vendor for rides. Gerry's contact info has been shared with everyone in the group. Waiting to see if he gets any call backs.

5. Apokreatiko – Effie Panos

- a. Was great turn out with 265 people in attendance.
- b. The event netted \$6,100 – funds will be used for East Room beautification project as previously discussed.

VIII: New Business:

1. Koraes – Liz Christofylakis

- a. KPTA wants to use funds raised from Fun Run 2023 to expand park space
- b. Thanked Fr. Nicholas for engaging the children about church. First time in a long time that the students are excited about church services and serving as Altar Boys or Handmaidens.

IX: Adjournment:

Demitri Andrikopoulos moved that the meeting be adjourned. Peter Kaftantzis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Submitted by Gerry Galatis

April 5, 2023