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Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 21, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. Paul Truebenbach.

Members present: Dr. Pete Kambelos (Presiding), Maria Kontopos (Recording), Peter Aamodt, Nick Georgiton, George Kalemanis, Ron Nichols, Pete Rodish, John Sakelos, Nick Sarakatsannis, Andy Stefanopoulos.

Member absent: Alex Geromes, Eleni Haralamos, Ianthe Schulte

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas.

PRE-MEETING

Opening Prayer: Fr. Bill gave the opening prayer at the fellowship meal preceding the meeting.

MEETING

Call to order: Dr. Pete Kambelos called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

President's remarks: Janice Kellaris was unable to make the meeting to speak regarding the choir convention. He thanked Peter and Karen Aamodt for the extraordinary meal. He clarified that his article in the Voice regarding the hall renovation is not intended to move the Church to a different neighborhood. The intent of the Voice article was to identify the concerns and exposing the obvious for the hall renovation for the general assembly to make an informed decision. He wanted to make it known about the demographics of the neighborhood before the Parish invests so much time, money, and effort in this renovation.

Elder Transportation: Introduced the idea. The Men's Ministry was trying to put together a transportation assistance program for the Parish (elderly and handicapped). Nothing has been put together yet. The thoughts on this idea are that we should consider what we can do to service our elders. Some elders cannot come to church for various reasons. No motion was raised; this was just a brief introduction. It was discussed that there needs to be a reasonable perimeter on how far the buses will travel.

Secretary's report:

- Minutes: the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.
- Received correspondence included an advertisement for buses to transport parishioners to church.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Bill:
 - On March 6-8, Father Bill and Father Paul will be in Detroit. Eugene will have the contact information. Father Kostoff will be on call.
 - March begins the process of Lent. There will be three Saturday of the Souls services. Parish Council members need to be there for at least the first and third Saturday services. The third service is the first Saturday of Great Lent, so it is highly attended.
 - We will have the remainder of the Great Lent schedule and Holy Week at the next meeting.
- Fr. Paul:
 - Thanked everyone who attended and/or supported the baptism of his son. He is overwhelmed with the kindness of the Parish.
 - GOYA participated in the Dayton basketball tournament. The teams did not go far in the tournament, but everyone had fun.
 - Taverna night is this Saturday.
 - GOYA has two retreats/excursions in the upcoming future (Ft. Wayne, which is sponsored by the Metropolis and Fall Creek Falls)
 - Nominated Andy Stefanopoulos as the official reading group sponsor. The group will start the Lenten mediation series. It is the book of Isaiah and it is looking like it will be informative.

Treasurer's report:

- The January 2013 financial statements were presented by Nick Georgiton for review. All Parish Council members received it by email. There were no questions for Nick. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas informed the Members that we still have a minor leak in the back of the Church. Holland is bringing in a sheet metal expert (Holland is still doing this work under warranty). The ceiling that was redone is protected because the buckets that were put down to catch any water have been dry.
- Scholarship applications were sent via email. There are two scholarships that the Church gives and the rest are given by Church groups. There are more applicants this year than normal.
- We are four and a half months away from Panegyri. Rena Poneris has agreed to run the pastry baking. We have purchased everything needed for baking. Approximately \$5000 was spent on pastry materials.

- The item sponsorship letter for the Panegyri will be sent via regular mail on Tuesday. This letter generates approximately \$5000-\$10,000 in donations. The second sponsorship letter generates more donations. We will need an admissions and securities chairperson.
- Other help needed for the Panegyri includes:
 - The radio advertisements: Pete Rodish volunteered to write the commercial and record it at the radio station.
 - Proofreading the program guide: Peter Aamodt and Father Bill volunteered to do this.
 - Conduct two meetings for the chairpersons: Frank Cook will run the meetings, but he needs help with the content of the meetings. The first meeting is April 14, 2013. This meeting is an informational meeting on what we have and what we need. The second meeting is sometime in June. This meeting is to ensure everyone knows about the parking passes and what still needs to be accomplished.
 - Inventory and clean signage: still need people to volunteer. Eugene Nicholas cannot do this alone.
- The medical insurance premium came in 12% higher for Eugene Nicholas. The clergy's medical insurance premium information has not been received yet, but hopefully it will not be as high. We only budgeted for 6%. Our worker's compensation premium also increased by 50%.

New Business:

- Agape Luncheon: the Parish Council has traditionally sponsored this event. Andy Stefanopoulos is contacting various entertainment groups/singers for music. Eugene Nicholas will contact Montgomery Inn to cater like last year. George Kalemanis and Pete Rodish will be the co-chairmen of the event. Eugene Nicholas will email the advertisement. Last year, approximately 180-190 parishioners attended the luncheon. We expect more this year because Orthodox Pascha is on a different Sunday than Western Easter.
- Father Bill and/or Father Paul are not allowed to give updates on parishioner's health conditions due to the HIPAA laws.

Old Business:

- Picture Directory Update: Ron Nichols reported that we are short of people to have their pictures taken. We do not know if the company will cut it off if we do not have enough people. We need to make sure people know that it is free. We can also have people sign up online. Eleni Haralamos will send Father Bill an email with the pertinent information so he can make a proper announcement.
- Fence Quote: George Kalemanis did not have anything new to report. It will cost approximately \$85,000 to install a perimeter fence.
- Hall Renovation Update: We need someone to coordinate the sketches produced for the general assembly meeting. It is a good idea to have a bulletin board to show the information regarding the renovation.

Committee reports:

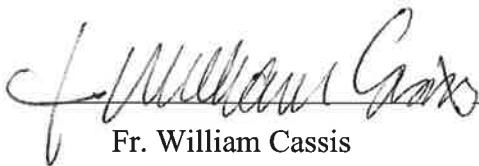
- Stewardship: We are up in dollars received. We are at \$93,000. The message given by Father Bill and Andy Stefanopoulos was very helpful. We still need to keep reminding people about stewardship. The number of pledged households is still so much less than last year. Andy Stefanopoulos suggested putting a thermometer to show the status of stewardship.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: the motion to adjourn was made at 7:44 pm.

Closing prayer: Fr. Paul offered the closing prayer.

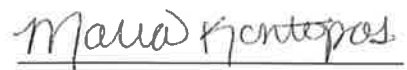
Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Dr. Pete Kambelos
President



Maria Kontopos
Secretary