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Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. William Redmon.

Members present: Jim Gelis (Presiding), Karen Aamodt (Recording), Justin Bates, Chris Chryssovergis, Stacey Loukoumidis, Christine Masella, Jessica Mavridoglou, Michael Mavridoglou, Matthew Neuendorf and Peter Rodish.

Members absent: Frank Cook, David Greene and Nektarios Papisavvas.

Parish Staff: Chris Jonson, Eugene Nicholas.

PRE-MEETING

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

MEETING

Call to order: Jim Gelis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

President's remarks:

- In the absence of President Frank Cook, Vice President Jim Gelis welcomed all those present. He also discussed the informal officers' meeting held on Sunday, February 22, 2015, following Divine Liturgy.

Secretary's report:

- Minutes: the minutes of the January 2015 meeting were approved unanimously as previously distributed and corrected. Matt made the motion and Stacey seconded.
- There was no correspondence to report.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Bill Cassis:
 - Gave a brief update on President Frank Cook's condition. We hope to see Frank by the April meeting.
 - There will be a second tray passed for Holy Week flowers and for decorating the Epitaphion.

- Has received correspondence from the Archdiocese regarding the mandatory contribution for the St. Nicholas fund. We will wait until after Pascha to discuss that.
- Cara Chryssovergis is stepping down from her position as Sunday Church School Director. We will identify candidates to fill the position and plan a farewell celebration in her honor.
- The General Assembly will be held on March 8 and a quorum of 50 is not required; those in attendance will be the quorum no matter the number. As a reminder, a decision involving funding requires only a simple majority of 50% plus 1 vote to approve.
- Fr. William Redmon:
 - The Reading Group will read The Ladder of Descent by Saint John Climacus and they meet on Mondays at 6:00 PM.
 - Only three students are interested in starting an OCF group. This is not enough to start a new group. He will contact the Miami University group to meet with UC & Xavier students.
 - GOYA Update: Saturday, April 25 is rescheduled Taverna event.
 - Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM is the “In the World, of the World” Lenten retreat.
 - The basketball teams played well, with the girls’ team placing 4th.
 - Also thanked Fr. Bill, the Parish Council and Eugene for the help and kind patience he has received.
 - At the recent meeting of the HOPE & JOY group six children were present, with five parents. They still have a lot of room to grow.

Treasurer’s report:

- Peter Rodish presented the January 31, 2015 report. A highlight was that the Endowment Fund has now reached \$1,018,632 with \$7,300 in donations the previous week.
- Jessica Mavridoglou moved to accept the report; Michael Mavridoglou seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Parish Administrator’s report:

- The complete report was distributed in advance via email. Important points to note are:
- The final bill for the balance of the HVAC repairs is due 4-12-2015.
- More details on the replacement of office window blinds: Many of the blinds currently in place are broken and do not open or close. New blinds would be more energy efficient, would move from down to up or up to down positions. The top of the windows would have a fan shaped blind and the rest of the windows would have horizontal blinds. He will obtain three quotes from two companies; one company offers two different brands of blinds.
- There is interest but no confirmed chairperson yet for the pastry booth at the festival.
- We saved \$996 for last quarter with our new negotiated rate for utilities.

Old Business:

- The Annual Car Raffle: we need a chairperson as soon as possible. The Special Events committee will immediately begin working on this. Vice President Jim Gelis and Karen and Peter Aamodt will meet with Andy and Carol Stephanopoulos to discuss their experiences chairing the event for the past three years. Much discussion followed.

New Business:

- Peter Rodish moved that we purchase new blinds for the offices not to exceed \$4800. The motion was seconded by Christine Masella and passed.

Committee reports:

- Stewardship: Peter Rodish and Justin Bates will co-chair together.
- Building & Grounds: Jim Gelis reported on recent progress. If the upcoming General Assembly approves to authorize the Parish Council to borrow up to \$350,000 we will have a meeting for the design phase. If we move forward with this effort we will find a chairperson, draft a project schedule, create pledge cards, etc.
- Special Events: Karen Aamodt gave an update on plans for the 2015 Agape Luncheon and displayed the large poster for the event plus the Gourmet Easter Basket to raffle and Jellybean Guess Jar.

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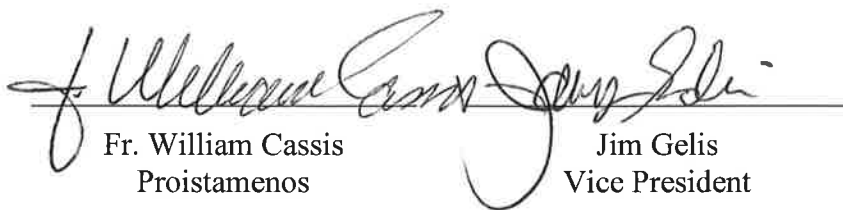
- All present thanked and complimented Eugene Nicholas on a delicious meal.
- Eugene announced that if President Frank Cook has to step down from chairing the festival, he would be willing to take on the position of general chair in Frank's place.
- Peter Rodish asked Fr. Bill about a "teaching liturgy" and Fr. Bill stated that he would think about this for the future.

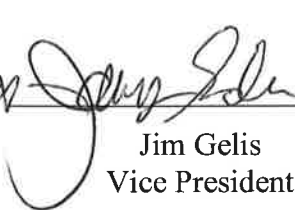
ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: the motion to adjourn was made by Peter Rodish at 8:48 PM.

Closing prayer: Fr. William Redmon offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Jim Gelis
Vice President


Karen Aamodt
Secretary