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Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis and Fr. William Redmon.

Members present: Jim Gelis (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Karen Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chrysosovergis, David Greene, Stacey Loukoumidis, Christine Masella and Michael Mavridoglou.

Members absent: Jessica Mavridoglou, Nektarios Papasavvas, Peter Rodish and Nick Sarakatsannis.

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: Jim Gelis called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

President's remarks:

- Jim thanked everyone for contributing their time to support the Car Raffle; our Agenda is full; when we look at the budget we should consider the future of the Car Raffle, as we finish out the year we can say we accomplished a lot, but going into the next year we need to be mindful of the long-term goals of the Parish.

Secretary's report:

- We have one piece of correspondence: a nice "Thank You" note from Dimitri Loukoumidis for the Holy Trinity Award.
- The August minutes were distributed by email. Christine Masella moved and David Greene seconded to accept the minutes as revised, the motion passed.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Bill:
Fall is here and Parish life is full and busy. Orthodoxy 101 is meeting and 10 people attended last time; the Orthodox reading group is up and running; SCS has begun and the

Religious Education Team (RET) is doing a great job so far. The Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference is coming up, but the date was pushed back a week. Because of this Fr. William Redmon will not attend due to Parish sacramental needs. Regarding the Car Raffle, the Orthodox Church disapproves of games of chance, in part because it impairs the growth of stewardship, and in part because the time and effort put into the raffle during August and September should instead go into developing stewardship, and finally, out of a \$100 ticket only \$40 goes to the Church with the rest going to pay event expenses. The RET has asked about getting white boards for the SCS classrooms.

- Fr. William:
September is a busy month due to all the youth ministries kicking off; we have had well attended first meetings, pumpkin picking is coming up in October, the HOPE-JOY newsletter is being re-launched and November is targeted for a Chuck E. Cheese outing. GOYA went to the Reds baseball game this past Saturday; the Reds won and everyone got a free pizza. At the first meeting Fr. William met with the officers and several parents. Twenty GOYANS were present. This indicates that we need to do more to reach our Parish youth. The Orthodox reading group is reading Chesterton's Everlasting Man on Mondays at 6:30 pm. A Retreat for youth ministers and SCS teachers is planned for November 14, with Dr. Anthony Brain as the guest speaker. The retreat is also for surrounding parishes.

Treasurer's report:

- Justin Bates presented the treasurer's report in Peter Rodish's absence. Chris Chryssovergis moved to accept the report, Michael Mavridoglou seconded and the motion passed.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Chris Jonson prefers a low-key celebration of his upcoming retirement. This will include an in-church presentation and then a reception in the Community Hall.
- Neyer Plumbing is still working on the plumbing issue, this involves digging outside and they plan to add a pipe liner to the section of pipe in need of repair. The problematic sump pump has been repaired with new electrical wiring in two circuits. Both sump pumps on the boiler side are dead and will require replacing. We have issues with the side door on the east side of the building due to the frame being warped by the building sinking and then being re-lifted, so the door must be replaced.
- The Building Maintenance Technician position description needs to be approved so that we can post it, begin interviewing candidates in October, hire someone in November and have the new person begin in December with time to train with Chris Jonson. Ron Nichols recommended that we avoid posting the position in the newspaper or on the Internet.

Old Business:

- The Building Maintenance Technician job description: Matthew Neuendorf moved to accept the description as presented, Michael Mavridoglou seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

- The proposed 2016 operating budget was presented; Karen Aamodt moved to amend the budget by eliminating the Car Raffle event from the budget and to replace the net proceeds from it with a corresponding increase in stewardship. Stacey Loukoumidis seconded and the motion passed. Karen Aamodt moved to accept the amended operating budget, Stacey Loukoumidis seconded and the motion passed.
- Endowment rules and regulations: Justin Bates moved to recommend the proposed amendments to the General Assembly, Christine Masella seconded and the motion passed.
- Cost Estimator fee proposal for the renovation project: it is proposed that we authorize a cost estimator fee not to exceed \$1500. David Greene moved to accept the proposal as received, Justin Bates seconded and the motion passed.
- Renovation Project: it was decided to make an informational design presentation at the 2015 Fall General Assembly.
- SCS White boards: Fr. Bill Cassis recommended a budget not to exceed \$2000 for purchasing the necessary white boards. Christine Masella moved to purchase and install white boards in the SCS classrooms with a budget not to exceed \$2000, Michael Mavridoglou seconded and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

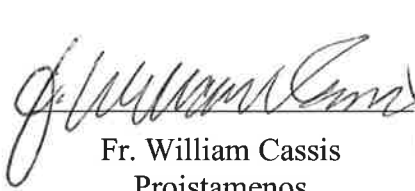
- Stewardship – We are slightly up in stewardship received over this time last year. We are behind on the number of stewards who have given. The committee met a few weeks back and discussed having monthly presentations by experts on topics related to stewardship, such as estate planning. We have a draft of a new stewardship letter; the stewardship goal does not need to match the budgeted amount and the committee recommends \$500,000 as the goal for 2016. One recommendation was for every steward to increase their giving by 10%.

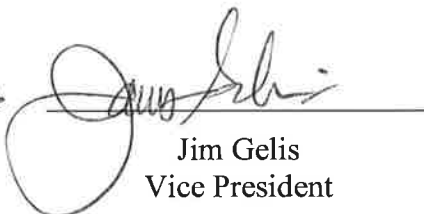
ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Justin moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Closing prayer: Fr. Bill offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Jim Gelis
Vice President


Matthew Neuendorf
Assistant Secretary