

HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Members present: Nektarios Papasavvas (Presiding), Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos (Recording), Andy Stefanopoulos, William “Buzzy” Gaz, Bill Kanelopoulos, Jessica Mavridoglou, Kim Lambrinides, Jay Williams, Sylvia Rombis, Ron Nichols

Members absent: Karen Aamodt, Eli Cassis, Gus Koutsogiannis

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

MEETING

Call to order: Nektarios Papasavvas called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Fr. Mark led the council in prayer.

President’s remarks:

- Thank you for everyone’s participation at the General Assembly
- Communication and transparency is important in everything we do
- Parish Council presence at our Church services and Parish Council meetings is important
 - Parish Council members should notify everyone on Parish Council if they are not going to be able to make it to Narthex duty when scheduled

Secretary’s report:

- Andy moved to accept the January 2018 minutes, Ron seconded: motion passed.
- Correspondence received from Metropolitan Nicholas
 - Expressed his gratitude to Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas for the well-wishes and poinsettia sent to him for his Feast Day on December 6th

Clergy remarks:

Fr. Mark:

- Parish Council presence is important and requested throughout Lent for the Church services
 - **Note:** Parish Council can refer to 2018 Liturgical Calendar handout for Church services during Lent (as well as all other scheduled Church services throughout the year)

- Update on our Choir Director (Janice Kellaris)
 - At this point, will not be able to perform duties as Choir Director until the end of May 2018
 - Our prayers, love and support are with her for a speedy return to good health
 - A plan is being worked out to ensure there is coverage, including other members of the Choir filling in to fulfill the Choir Director duties while Janice is out
- Waiting on a final determination regarding Mr. Nick's ordination
 - Timeframe to hear something back is end of February/early March
- Discussion underway with the St. Sophia Mothers Club on the current use of the existing Nursery School Room and its future use
 - Desire is for this space to be utilized as a sort of Family Center that can be utilized by and help multiple Church Ministries
 - Discussion of reappropriation of existing furniture and donation of new furniture to furnish the repurposed Nursery School Room

Pastoral Assistant Remarks:

Mr. Nick:

- Youth Programs
 - Continuing the great work with St. Sophia Mother's Club, HOPE, JOY
 - GOYA
 - **All teenagers at our Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Parish are automatically part of GOYA!**
 - GOYA is for **all** teenagers
 - All teenagers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in any & all GOYA events!
 - **GOYA Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas will be held on Saturday, March 3rd**
 - Joint collaboration/effort with Fr. Lucas Christensen from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Carmel, IN

Treasurer's report:

Jessica Mavridoglou:

For January 2018:

- **Total Income:** \$68,787
 - **Stewardship** = \$55,741
- **Total Expense:** \$116,482
 - **Archdiocesan Fair Share** = \$48,521 (6 month installment paid in Jan 2018)
- **Net Income:** (-) 47,695

As of 2/15/18

- **North Side – Checking (General Fund):** \$65,100
- **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$25, 866
- **Endowment Fund:** \$1,254,382

Parish Administrator's report:

Eugene Nicholas:

- **Building**
 - Lighting upgrade contract has been signed
 - Buzzy is working with the vendor to schedule the work
 - The hanging up of new whiteboards in Sunday Church School is almost complete
 - The feedback so far on these new whiteboards has been very positive
 - Minor concrete deterioration at the entrance to our driveway
 - Looking into whether it can be patched or if a section needs to be replaced
 - 2 Minor leaks in the roof of the Sunday Church School wing
 - Holland Roofing is working with Craig Sansone to locate & repair them
 - These leaks have not caused damage to the ceiling yet
- **Finance**
 - With the Archdiocesan Fair Share payment for Jan-Jun 2018 in January 2018 (noted above in the Treasurer's report), we will have \$8,100 less expenses Feb-June 2018.
- **Panegyri**
 - Leadership team met on 2/1/18
 - Everything is on schedule with the tasks needed at this time
 - Discussion on layout of booths
 - Exploring the option of taking on the lemonade booth which is currently outsources to a vendor
 - Ordering of baking supplies is underway

Unfinished Business:

- **Endowment Fund Distribution**
 - *"The purpose of the Fund is to create a trust which will provide financial support and security for the growth and development of the Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church, including the Church and any buildings on the property..."*
 - Up to \$43,019.66 is available for withdrawal in 2018
 - Jessica made a motion to defer the decision on whether to make a distribution until a later time in 2018: Buzzy seconded: motion passed

New Business:

- **Motion to provide training to Parish Council members to learn to use the Stair Lift located at the stairwell leading into the Narthex of the Church**
 - Andy made the motion, Ron seconded: motion passed
- **Motion to provide training to Parish Council members on the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the Treasurer's room in the Narthex**
 - Andy made the motion, Ron seconded: Motion Passed.
 - **Follow-up:** Nektarios will reach out to fellow parishioner George Haralamos and see what guidance George can provide Parish Council on what will be the best way to setup & provide this training
- **Discussion:** Buzzy will be looking into ways to setup training for Parish Council members on Emergency Preparedness and will advise Parish Council on next steps.

Committee Reports:

- **Strategic Planning**

Nektarios Papasavvas

- Leadership Forum will meet on Tuesday, 2/20 @ 6:30PM at the Church
 - **Focus is on the 3 Pillars:** Engagement, Education, Outreach
 - **Open to the entire parish**

- **Community Center Campaign**

Fr. Mark

- Since letters & donations cards were sent out the week of 2/4/18 regarding our 2018 Community Center Campaign to pay off the remaining balance, **we received 7 responses in 1 week totaling \$1,800 in donations**
 - Thank you to those who gave in support of Church's Community Center:
It makes a difference!

- **Stewardship**

Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos



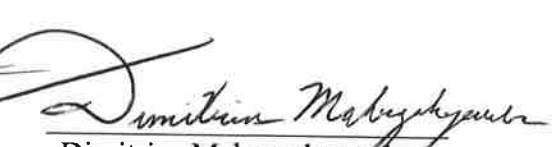
- Stewardship Theme for 2018 is "**Our Faith, Making a Difference!**"
 - Thank you to all those who make a difference in the life of our Church and its ministries by graciously giving of their **time, talent and treasure!**
- Stewardship Committee will meet on Thursday, 3/1 @ 5:30PM at the Church
- As of 2/15/18:
 - **2018 Stewardship Pledged Commitments:** \$271,660
 - **2018 Stewardship Received:** \$79,660
 - **Note:** Stewardship received through 2/15/17 was \$95,262
 - **2018 Total Family Households Pledged:** 250
 - **2018 Number of Stewards that have given:** 196
- Everyone who has not yet completed a **2018 Stewardship Pledge Card** is encouraged to do so and turn it in as soon as possible
- Pledge cards are available in the Narthex at the Candle Stand & on top of both book cases next to the side entrance doors, as well as in the Church Office
- You can also go online and either submit a Stewardship pledge online or print off a pledge card and turn it into the Church:
 - **<http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org/stewardship/stewardship-donation>**

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Andy moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. The motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:37PM.

Approved as written,

		
Fr. Mark Emroll	Nektarios Papasavvas	Dimitrios Makrozhopoulos
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