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Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 15, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Paul Truebenbach

Members present: Dr. Pete Kambelos (Presiding), Peter Aamodt (Recording), Brad Fielden, Nick Georgiton, Eleni Haralamos, Ron Nichols, John Sakelos, Ianthe Schulte, Andy Stefanopoulos.

Members absent: Chris Chrysovergis Frank Cook, Dr. Anastasios Ioannides, George Kalemanis.

Honorary Member: Sophie Guethlein.

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas.

PRE-MEETING

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

MEETING

Call to order: Pete Kambelos called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Presider's remarks:

- Thanks to John Sakelos for the evening's fellowship meal.
- As a reminder, March 17th is the date for the AHEPA Greek Independence Day dinner dance event. It is hoped that all Council members will attend. Tickets are \$30, or \$15 for dancing only.

Secretary's report:

- Minutes: the minutes of the February 16, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved.
- Correspondence/announcements: the following were communicated to the Council:
 - Thank-you letter from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas for the Council's recent contribution to the Friends of the Metropolis.
 - Letter from Chris Chrysovergis and Tom Zafares announcing an April 29th event to honor Fr. Bill and Presvytera Anastasia for 20th anniversary at the Parish. All organizations are asked to offer a donation to Holy Cross-Hellenic College (HCHC) on their behalf.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Paul extends thanks to everyone while he has been taking on a different role these past weeks due to Fr. Bill's absence.

Treasurer's report:

- The February 2012 financial reports were reviewed. The impact of stewardship was briefly discussed: Andy Stefanopoulos noted that contributions are down, but Eugene Nicholas pointed out that the amount per family is currently up from 2011. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Parish Administrator's report:

- The Parish is currently limited to a total line of credit from North Side Bank in the amount of \$250,000. However, since \$100,000 is already outstanding, this means that only \$150,000 additional may be used.
- A Panegyri sponsorship letter has been sent out the Parish member mailing list. So far, there has been a very low response rate.
- The latest issue of *The Voice* has not yet been finished. As a reminder, the newsletter is printed in color twice yearly, the upcoming issue being one of those issues.
- There will be a large funeral tomorrow (March 16th). It would help if Council members who are available could serve at the Pangari.

New business:

- Gift on behalf of Fr. Bill's anniversary: John Sakelos moved that the Council should donate \$1,000 to HCHC. This motion passed unanimously.
- Greeters' schedule discussion: Ron Nichols raised the need to schedule Council members for Holy Friday and Holy Saturday evenings, following the same greeting procedures as for regular Sunday liturgies. John Sakelos and Andy Stefanopoulos volunteered for the two respective evenings. At the conclusion of the discussion, Pete Kambelos distributed the list of Narthex station assignments for members to complete as desired.

Committee reports:

- Endowment: Nick Georgiton provided an update on planning for the April 28th special event. A "giving tree" will be made, with various sections on which individual donors' names will be etched. These sections – the trunk, rocks, acorns and leaves – will have different colors in order to represent different dollar amounts.
- Stewardship: Andy Stefanopoulos reminded the Council that a stewardship talk would be given after Sunday liturgy once the Metropolitan's permission had been secured, which Fr. Paul offered to check on. Other discussion was had on the need to have individual contact made by parishioners and council members and to update materials in recognition that different appeals would resonate with different people. Linkage should also be made to Parish survey recommendations, which currently are being considered at the committee level. Progress toward implementation should be reported later in the year in connection with a stewardship appeal at that time.

Other:

- Pete Kambelos recommended that the Communication Committee contact media outlets for Paschal service coverage.
- Eugene Nicholas asked whether the Council was interested in proceeding this year with using outside speakers for the Lamentations service procession. No motion was made in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

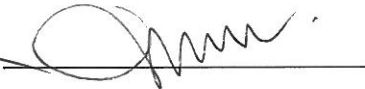
Call to adjourn: the motion to adjourn was made at 7:58 pm.

Closing prayer: Fr. Paul offered the closing prayer.

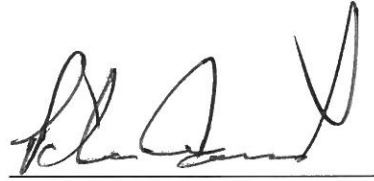
Approved as written,



Fr. Paul Truebenbach
Assistant Priest



Peter Kambelos, M.D.
Vice President



Peter Aamodt
Secretary