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Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2013

ATTENDANCE

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

Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Ianthe Schulte (Recording), Peter Aamodt, Nick Georgiton, Alex Geromes, Eleni Haralamos, George Kalemanis, Ron Nichols, Nick Sarakatsannis, Pete Rodish and John Sakelos

Member absent: Dr. Pete Kambelos, Maria Kontopos

Parish Staff: Chris Jonson, Eugene Nicholas.

PRE-MEETING

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

MEETING

Andy

- Thanks for the meal to Ianthe. No other remarks at this time

Secretary's Report

- No concerns on prior minutes, no correspondence. Ianthe moves to approve the minutes as presented, Nick seconds.

Father Bill

- Sep. 26-28, Clergy laity. Arch Bishop will be here Thursday and Friday for sure. He might be staying longer.
- 3 Issues:
 - PC should consider approving \$400 for one full page of the ad book. This is our largest money maker.
 - PC should consider purchasing a table for \$700 at the banquet.
 - In the past, Metropolitan Nicholas has done honoring at banquets. 10 years, etc. This time, we are honoring the lay people of the parish. Metropolitan Nicholas would like for our parish to choose two people to be honored. The names need to be submitted by July 1st. Fr. Bill suggests we honor Pat P. Zaferes and Pat J. Zaferes. The PC has to decide this evening.
- In addition, 4 delegates need to be chosen for the Clergy Laity. Two that must go are the Priest and PC President.

- Lay Assistant
 - Our previous candidate has accepted a position in the Pittsburgh diocese.
 - We are now following other leads.
 - Next time, will be able to move faster, as our loan will be repaid by that time.
 - We may wait until later and hire someone. In May, another class graduates.

Fr. Paul

- Goya continues to meet over the summer. Fr. Paul would like to know if the PC has any suggestions for a Reds game outing. Nicole Zois is a rep with the Reds, as recommended by Father Bill.
- We need support at the book store! If we know anyone, send them over.

Treasure's Report

- The report is passed out. Nick G. asks the PC to review the report, and ask any questions that they might have.
- Dr. Pete asked that Nick clarify a point on the Endowment Fund fees. Nick explains that money is managed brokerage account which has associated fees. What was billed was about a percent and a half over the year. Nick clarifies that does not manage this money. Nick explains that typical fees are between 1% and 2%. So, he feels that we are in an appropriate range. This comes out of the money invested on a quarterly basis. Morgan Stanley manages the Endowment Fund.
- Andy S. asks who dictates the entities that manage the Endowment Fund. Nick explains that the Endowment Committee reports to PC and oversee how the fund manager is performing. PC has approved Morgan Stanley.
- Andy S. asks how often the Endowment Committee reports to the church. The answer is monthly; these reports can be found in Eugene's office.
- Move to accept the treasures' report as written by Nick by Ianthe, accepted by Peter.

Parish Administrator's Report

- Eugene states that he is upset that there is no second chair person for the festival this year. He says that we really, really need to have a second person here so that he can have a life aside from the festival. We need a second chairman from PC or from the parish. Eugene clarifies that he means no disrespect to Frank. 450k prospect is daunting with just one person.
- Pete R. asks what Eugene needs for support right now. Eugene says that he needs to have someone else sending e-mails and in charge of the publicity. Also, people need to be here to set up booths.
- Food pantry will be helping us do close down and clean up.
- Fr. Bill says that the previous festival chair used to be the Vice President. Thus it would cycle through. He also suggests that the PC has a heart to heart look at even

maintaining the festival. If parishioners won't step up, then it might be time to discontinue the festival. Fr. Bill would like to have this conversation in the fall. Maybe we should retool everything.

- Pete R. asks if Frank can ask for more support this Sunday at service.
- Eugene has begun a folder (files) for the entire festival with all sorts of data, notes, and contact information.
- Andy S. asks if we can ask for support at Sunday's service. Fr. Bill says yes.
- Pete R. suggests that Dr. Pete be in charge of this, many PC support this idea.
- George K. suggests that we have a project manager.
- Pete R. Suggests we decide the goal for short term. Ianthe suggests that we say our goal is to choose one day this week to serve in some capacity and a weekend in which to serve 4 hours at a booth.
- We did a "meet the chairs" years ago and we signed up 100 people in one weekend. We did that for 2 years that Eugene was a chair.
- Andy will contact Peter in regards to this Sunday.

Old Business

- Maintenance Issues: Nick S. Chris J. replaced over 45 light bulbs and then ceiling tiles. Nick. S. read through a list offered by Dr. Pete.
 - Many of the items have been addressed. The marble by the Pangari needs to be replaced, where the old doors used to be. To replace these hinges would be about \$1,500.
 - Roof above Pangari, with speakers etc., is messy and needs to be cleaned.
 - Carpet in the bishop's walk is in bad shape. Carpet is coming up at the seams.
 - Fr. Bill would prefer that the tarazo be fixed, rather than have the brass replaced. Chris will be tasked to have this replaced.
 - Nick S. shows the monthly list that Chris J. is working through.
 - Peter A. asks that PC goes through a larger list twice a year to discuss other major and necessary repairs.
 - Nick S. is going to take a look at the carpet in the Bishop's Walk and the priests' offices, buckling marble wall in the church, and a general maintenance list.

New Business

- Scholarship of choir convention? Eugene - Janice hopes PC will provide a luncheon so there is one less meal that she has worried about. She is expecting a group of 120 people. Saturday, July 20th. John S. offers to chair, George K. offers to help.
- Peter A. makes the motion that PC take out a \$100 ad in the choir convention program/ booklet. (Congratulatory add)
- Andy wants to pass out 10 car raffle tickets to each PC person. He asks that we please sell them.

- Peter A., would like to serve as a delegate. Delegates for the Clergy Laity are: Fr. Bill, Dr. Pete, Peter A. We are allowed four delegates, so the PC will continue to look for a 4th delegate.
- Peter A. moves we sponsor a table of 10 at \$700 at the clergy laity banquet and to also take out a full page \$400 add in the booklet. Nick S. seconds this. None are opposed.
- Peter A. moves select parish honorees from our parish at the clergy laity conference as: Pat P. Zaferes and Pat J Zaferes. Nick G. seconds this. No person is opposed.
- Renovation Committee Met. Unanimously proposed a general assembly on September the 8th, and suggest to the parish that we go for “the whole shabang”. Meaning, they will be presenting a plan for renovation of the hall into a banquet center and adding an additional gym. This further means creating two committees: a building committee and a finance committee for this project.
 - Once we get general assembly approval, the entire building plan, and financial backing of the plan, needs to be presented to the metropolis council.
 - Nick G. makes a motion to set a date for a special general assembly meeting to consider renovation of the facilities with the date being Sept. 8th or 15th, at Fr. Bill’s discretion. Peter A. seconds. Passed with no opposed.
 - Peter A, Nick, Alex, John S, Ianthe and Andrew S., Sam and Louis makes up the building committee. Anyone else is welcome to come.
- Motion to adjourn: Ianthe. Nick S. seconds.

Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Andy Stefanopoulos
Vice President

Ianthe Schulte
Assistant Secretary