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Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. Paul Truebenbach

Parish Council Members present: Dr. Pete Kambelos (Presiding), Maria Kontopos (Recording), Peter Aamodt, Nick Georgiton, Alex Geromes, Eleni Haralamos, George Kalemanis, Ron Nichols, Pete Rodish, Nick Sarakatsannis, Ianthe Schulte, Andy Stefanopoulos

Members Absent: John Sakelos

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

Honorary Members: Frank Cook

PRE-MEETING

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

MEETING

Call to order: Dr. Pete Kambelos called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

President's Remarks: Dr. Pete Kambelos apologized that he could not attend last week's interim meeting. He recommends at some point to look at the renovation options, not along the size of the previous proposals, but some cosmetic issues. He thinks it is important and it will improve the morale. There are some cosmetic items that need to happen in the gym, the Bishop's walk and the count room.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes: the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting as presented by Maria Kontopos were unanimously approved as corrected.
- Received Correspondence: None

Clergy Remarks:

- Father Bill Cassis: Father Bill reported that we have the final report from the Clergy-Laity Conference. There was a total revenue of \$68,810. Less all expenses, we netted \$6,635.87. We did quite well. The response to the ad book and banquet was very well and we had a high level of participation. The committees made a recommendation that we take \$1000 from the profit and donate it to the Metropolis and give the balance to the roof fund. The committee

does recognize that if the Parish Council thinks the money can be used elsewhere, it should be donated there.

- Father Paul Truebenbach: GOYA has some great parents that will take over with Father Paul leaving. The international luncheon is still happening. GOYA has a meeting and the Neiderman Family Farm outing this month. At the end of the month, GOYA will have a movie marathon.

Treasurer's Report:

- The September 2013 financial statements were presented by Nick Georgiton for review. All Parish Council members received it by email.
- Pete Rodish makes a motion to approve the September 2013 financial statements. Maria Kontopos seconds the motion. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Parish Administrator's Report:

- Food Pantry: Eugene Nicholas informed the Parish Council that we have 130 families signed up for Thanksgiving dinner baskets. Assembly will be on Sunday, November 24th. Distribution will be on Monday, November 25th.
- Roof Repair: The roof over the Sunday School wing is complete. The 2nd stage is scheduled to begin the week of October 28th. It should take about 3 weeks to complete. We have an old HVAC unit over the lower gym roof that was disconnected years ago, but not removed because of the cost. Holland will have a large crane here and will remove it. Feldkamp is preparing it for removal. Cost for removal will be minimal; both companies have agreed to help us out. We have received \$18,555 in donations from 54 families. If all of our active stewards gave \$300, we would raise \$180,000.
- Kitchen Fire Suppression System: We have three bids ranging from \$2,600-\$3,300. Our fire protection monitoring system (Megacity) has asked to also quote, so we are waiting for their figure. Eugene Nicholas expects to spend approximately \$3,300 to get our system in compliance.

Old Business:

- Assistant Priest Update: Father Bill informs the Parish Council that Father Irenaeus is coming on December 1, 2013. He is waiting on his formal letter of assignment, but he will not get that until Father Paul leaves. The Bishop gave us a verbal okay with the suggested \$60,000 salary.
 - Eugene suggests that the Parish Council gives Father Joseph something each week for the remaining weeks he is here. This is something just to help him out since he is struggling. Father Bill informs the Parish Council that it is customary to give \$150 for each sacrament.
 - Dr. Pete Kambelos asks whether for the time being our looking for a Lay Assistant is on hold pending the execution of the contract with Father Irenaeus? Father Bill comments that this will be on the agenda for spring of next year.
- 2014 Budget Update: Eugene informed the Parish Council that Father Irenaeus' salary has been added to the budget, so they have increased stewardship to accommodate for this. Ron Nichols makes a motion to accept the revised budget. Pete Rodish seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

- Death and Funeral Notices: Peter Rodish comments that it has come up a few times that if someone passes away, we do not know about it. He asks whether there is an opportunity to let the Parish know that someone has passed away if the family is okay with it?
 - Father Bill comments that the question becomes if we can format the announcement to fit every family? Some families might have a three page obituary and some might have two sentences. Eugene Nicholas comments that only one third of our community gets email and the people who do not get email get upset that they have not heard about it. There are more complications to this idea than we realize.
 - Ron Nichols understands that it is more complex, but the process determines what is done, not the individuals. If they wish the death to be announced, we announce something brief. Pete Rodish comments that he does not want everyone to overthink this. Maybe this will make people join the email list.
 - Father Bill comments that these announcements will not go on the church website. They will try this in email and if they come across significant issues, they will come back to the Parish Council for suggestions.
- Father Joseph: Andy Stefanopoulos makes a motion that we pay Father Joseph \$150 for each Sunday that he helps out. George Kalemanis seconds the motion.
 - Ianthe Schulte amended the motion that we give him \$200 as an honorarium for the previous three weeks that he has helped out. Andy Stefanopoulos amends the motion that we pay him \$450 as an honorarium and then \$150 for each additional Sunday going forward. The amendment is accepted by George Kalemanis. The motion as amended passes unanimously.
- Clergy-Laity: Andy Stefanopoulos makes a motion that we direct the proceeds from the Clergy-Laity to the roof. George Kalemanis seconds the motion.
 - Ianthe Schulte does not agree. If the committee thinks it is important to give something back, then we should because they are our support system. Pete Rodish comments that he likes the part that the majority of the proceeds going towards the roof, but he also likes the idea to spread the love. He amends the motion to allocate \$5,635 to the roof, \$500 to the Metropolis, and \$500 to the food pantry. George Kalemanis and Andy Stefanopoulos accept the amendment. The motion as amended passes unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Stewardship: Peter Aamodt discusses the three categories of Parishioners designated at the interim meeting (Devoted, Orbiter, and Nominal). We are interested in targeting the Orbiter group. This group is involved in some activities, but not fully connected. We are interested in who these people are. They have talent and value. We need to find their interests and we want them to become part of our community.

Good of the Order:

- Nick Sarakatsannis: Good luck Father Paul. It has been a pleasure.
- Pete Rodish: Thank you for the food. Great job at the wine tasting event. We will miss you Father Paul.
- Peter Aamodt: Thank you to all who made the wine tasting event. It was a good turnout. Thank you for the food. Thank you for the opportunity to talk about stewardship.

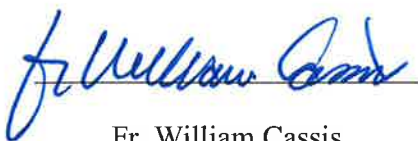
- Nick Georgiton: When you are asking people to run for the Parish Council, a follow up question is if they can help Frank Cook with the festival.
- Father Bill: Our sincere gratitude to Father Paul. His last Sunday is November 3, 2013. We hope you will be there. We will also have a luncheon in his honor on that Sunday.
- Father Paul: I will say everything during my farewell sermon. Also, we are going to our new home as a family of four.
- Andy Stefanopoulos: Thanks for the pizza. Thank you for a nice meeting. Good seeing everyone.
- Maria Kontopos: Thank you for the meal. We will miss you Father Paul.
- Eleni Haralamos: Pass
- Alex Geromes: Pass
- Ron Nichols: Great discussion. Thank you for the pizza.
- Dr. Pete Kambelos: I wanted to remind everyone that we need five people to run for Parish Council. I know some of you who are eligible need to consider running again. You have done a great job and we want you to continue. We have yet to identify enough people to run.
- Eugene Nicholas: Thank you for the food.
- George Kalemanis: Good luck Father Paul. Thanks for the pizza.
- Ianthe Schulte: Thanks for the pizza. We will really miss you Father Paul.
- Frank Cook: I was so impressed by the car raffle. There was such a sense of people coming together. Anyone who wants to help me with the festival is more than welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Peter Aamodt makes a motion to adjourn at 8:41pm. Ianthe Schulte seconds the motion.

Closing prayer: Fr. Paul offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Dr. Pete Kambelos
President



Maria Kontopos
Secretary