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Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 20, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis.

Members present: Jim Gelis (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Karen Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chrysosovergis, David Greene, Stacey Loukoumidis, Jessica Mavridoglou, Peter Rodish, and Nick Sarakatsannis.

Members absent: Fr. William Redmon, Christine Masella, Michael Mavridoglou, and Nektarios Papasavvas.

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 7:07 pm.

President's remarks:

- Jim thanked David for handling the Narthex duties for the Dormition of the Theotokos service, and asked the council to be mindful of the Narthex duty schedule.

Secretary's report:

- We had no received correspondence.
- The June minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting. A handful of minor corrections were made. Nick moved to approve the minutes as corrected, David seconded, and the motion passed.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Bill:
 - We need to set a date for Chris Jonson's retirement dinner. We also need to choose a gift for him. If we set it for September or early October we can hold it in

our hall, if we push it later we'll have to hold it off-site due to the renovation project.

- Regarding the renovation, we need to figure out the start date and fundraising.

Treasurer's report:

- We have a balance of \$16,000 in our Northside checking account and no balance on our line of credit. The parking lot was done in July, which contributed to the \$13,000 grounds maintenance expense.
- Nick moved to accept the report, Stacey seconded, and the motion passed.

Parish Administrator's report:

- The Church picnic is coming up on the 6th. It is a Council-sponsored event. In the past, Frank has bought food, and now we have two families who stepped up to provided it. Craig has volunteered to cook, as has Peter Aamodt. One council member should stay until the end to handle leftovers.
- The boiler room flooded last Thursday. One of the sump pumps went bad and blew the circuit, which killed the second. Eugene has arranged for an electrician to come in and move the second pump to a different circuit.
- Eugene has a quote from Neyer Plumbing for fixing the plumbing issue that occurred at Easter and again at Panegyri, costed at \$18,560. It's a delicate process involving OSHA regulations and sewer work. Although a second quote was not obtained it was confirmed that quote offered by Neyer was reasonable and that there are only 3 or 4 firms in the city qualified (or entrusted) to do this type of (delicate) work. We have a long standing relationship with Neyer Plumbing.
- We have a Building Maintenance Technician job description. It's an expansion of Craig's current job, with a bit more detail. Ron Nichols reviewed the terminology and found it to be appropriate for the position.
- Panegyri came in at \$13,000 under budgeted revenue, but expenses were significantly below budget, so we ended with a net profit at \$3,129 over budget.

Old Business:

- Car Raffle – Peter Aamodt informed us that we were at 258 sold tickets, which cover the cash prize, but not the meals. We have begun our calling campaign, and Peter would appreciate having at least one council member working the phones each night.

New Business:

- Renovation project – we have not yet received fee proposals and colors for review.
- Parish Council duties during Liturgy with regard to Holy Communion – we have a persistent issue with parishioners who arrive late and then don't follow usher guidelines and try to be first for Communion. We also have an issue with people who persistently don't arrive until after the Gospel and still received Communion. We need three council members to handle traffic duty, and Fr. Bill will remind the Parish at some point about appropriate protocol for receiving Holy Communion. We can possibly rearrange how

altar boys approach the chalice to help with Sunday Church School traffic congestion as well. Fr. Bill and Eugene will come up with a poster for the sanctuary doors listing appropriate times to enter from the Narthex.

- Chris Jonson's retirement dinner and gift – Fr. Bill recommended October 18 or November 8. Delaying past November 15 gets into the Nativity Fast. If we held it after church it could be hosted here. Fr. Bill estimated at least 300 people likely to attend if it is well advertised. Peter moved to hold the dinner on November 8 after church, sponsored by the Parish Council. Nick seconded, and the motion passed. For the gift, Fr. Bill suggested both a monetary gift and a plaque. The Parish Council will proceed with getting a plaque for Chris and a monetary gift.
- Neyer Plumbing – Peter moved to accept the bid as submitted by Neyer Plumbing. Jessica seconded. Delaying until we get a second bid would be financially responsible, but would push the date back by a week or more. The repair is estimated to take 5 days, at minimum. The duty of the Parish Council to care for the finances of the Church must be weighed against its duty to support the basic functions of the Parish; delaying the work to seek a second bid would be financially responsible, but would likely interfere with Parish ministries and scheduled events. The question was called, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

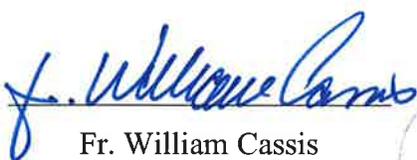
- Stewardship – We need to bring our committee together soon and begin preparing for the fall campaign, preferably before September 20. We may attempt to push the budgeted stewardship goal higher. In principal, stewardship should cover our entire operating budget, instead of only half. The stewardship mailing should go out by October 1.
- Building Improvements Committee – A follow-up meeting has been scheduled. Architect drawings are progressing, so fundraising is the new concern.

ADJOURNMENT

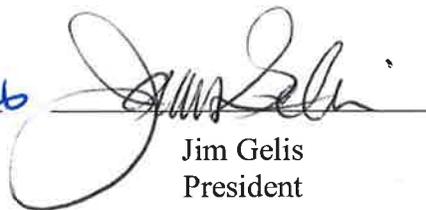
Call to adjourn: Justin moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Closing prayer: Fr. Bill offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Jim Gelis
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Assistant Secretary