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Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis and Fr. William Redmon.

Members present: Nick L. Sarakatsannis (Presiding), Chris Chryssovergis, James Gelis, David Greene, George Haralamos, Stacey Loukoumidis, Christine Masella, Matthew Neuendorf, Peter Rodish, Karen Aamodt and Jessica Mavridoglou

Members absent: Nektarios Papasavvas, Justin Bates

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: Nick L. Sarakatsannis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

President's remarks: Nick wanted to thank everyone for contributing their time so far this year, especially David Greene who nearly always attends early and covers services that others are not able to attend. Nick mentioned that the upcoming Saturday of Souls will be the most attended. Fr. Bill will discuss our Holy Week and Lenten assignments.

Secretary's report: The meeting minutes from the February meeting were presented as amended and were moved to be approved by Jessica Mavridoglou and the motion was seconded by Peter Rodish. Christine presented one correspondence from the Metropolis of Detroit discussing the fundraising campaign for the St. Nicholas Shrine at World Trade Center at Ground Zero in New York. Our Parish has already committed to the \$10,000 requested donation.

Clergy remarks:

Fr. Bill: Thank you all very much for the 40th Anniversary Celebration. The cross was exceptional and beautiful. He loved the engraving as well. He also is enjoying the camera and is hoping to take a photography class; it was a wonderful day. Fr. Bill discussed the Sunday of Orthodoxy Holy Icon procession. The Parish Council will all come up right after communion

and we are to go up on the left side and receive icons. A special tray will be passed for the IOCC. We are into lent and having Parish Council present during the weekly services would be helpful. Monday's should be fine, Wednesday's we need at least one member present, two would be better, we need at least two council members on Friday's. This Saturday of the Souls we will need 4 or more and pass a tray. At the April meeting will have the Holy Week Schedule. Beginning next Sunday (not this Sunday) we will have a second tray at end of service for the Epitaphion just prior to antidoron.

Fr. William: At the Hope/Joy February meeting we discussed the icon of the last judgment of the sheep/goats with the kids and also had an adult lesson with the parents. GOYA- several members attended the General Assembly meeting as requested by Father, including the GOYA President. Fr. William updated the contact list; there are currently 142 people on it. A GOYA retreat is planned for April 2nd. GOYA officer nominations will be at the April meeting. We have Oratorical Festival judges in place. An OCF meeting at Miami is planned for April, and we will meet with Cincinnati students who want to form a chapter. Vacation Bible School planning underway and Stephanie Bottomley is the chair.

Treasurer's report: Jessica Mavridoglou presented the Treasurer's report. The Endowment Fund was at \$1,010,735 as of close today and the checking account balance is higher than it has been for a long time. The Capital Improvement Fund is at \$7,852 and the line of credit balance is still at \$37,000, which is lower than this time last year. Revenue is up and stewardship did very well (up 135% over February of last year). Year to date stewardship is up 28% over last year.

Parish Administrator's report:

Eugene reported that the plumbing project is complete. The final cost for repairing the pipes was \$17,000, which was lower than expected. The whole project was \$18,200, which was totally covered by the donation received. The sanctuary ceiling leaks may have been fixed, but we have to wait until after Pascha before we can get into the ceiling to confirm. The balance in North Side checking is currently \$21,000, which can cover expenses for March and early April. Stewardship is coming in steadily. The Panegyri poster first draft is done and is being refined and the website is complete. Panegyri baking is under way and the ladies are all very happy with the help Craig has been giving them. The sponsorship letter will go out on April 1st.

Old Business:

Community hall renovation – Jim Gelis presented this report. There is currently \$78,795 pledged; \$150,000 pledged is required to secure the contract with Cousin Construction. Jim moved to issue the letter of intent to Cousin Construction if total pledges reach \$130,000 by March, 30th, 2016, Jessica Mavridoglou seconded, motion passed

New Business: General assembly attendance was discussed and to assist attendance the idea of having smaller additional meetings throughout the year was brought up. George Haralamos moved to pledge 5% of gross Panegyri revenue to the 2016 renovation, David Greene seconded, motion passed. AHEPA – Greek Independence Day event tickets are available, it will be

reservation only. Christine Masella brought up planning a St. Nicholas shrine visit – some parishioners were interested in the possibility of a visit for opening day to the shrine.

Committee Reports:

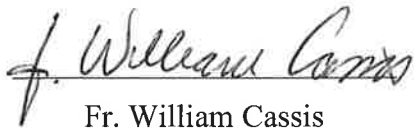
- **Stewardship:** Name tag day went well; committee is holding off on meeting until after Pascha. The numbers are up for the year, but we are continuing to work towards increasing them. The next name tag Sunday is scheduled for Palm Sunday. We need to revise our stewardship goal to \$505, 000 along with a statement about why it increased due to 5% of gross Panegyri revenue going to the 2016 renovation.
- **Special Events:** Karen Aamodt discussed that the Agape Luncheon planning has begun and that we will have the same menu as last year. There will be the jelly bean guessing jar again with other candy included to make the guess more challenging.

ADJOURNMENT

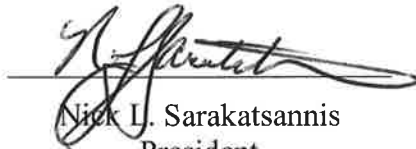
Call to adjourn: Jim Gelis moved to adjourn.

Closing prayer: Fr. William offered the closing prayer at 9:07 pm

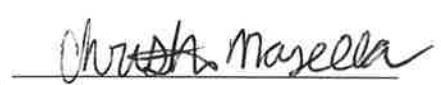
Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Nick L. Sarakatsannis
President



Christine Masella
Recording Secretary