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Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. William Cassis, Fr. William Redmon.

Members present: Nick L. Sarakatsannis (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Karen Aamodt, Justin Bates, Chris Chrysosvergis, Jim Gelis, David Greene, Jessica Mavridoglou, Nektarios Papasavvas, and Peter Rodish.

Members absent: George Haralamos, Stacey Loukoumidis, Christine Masella.

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 called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

President's remarks:

- Nick thanked Chris for stepping in during the Fall General Assembly and Nektarios for preparing the presentation. He expressed disappointment in the low attendance for the General Assembly, at just over 60 people.
- He received two letters thanking the council for Cincinnati's hospitality toward the Presvyteres, first from Presvytera Anastasia and second from the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres.

Secretary's report:

- Nektarios moved to accept the minutes as corrected and distributed via email prior to the meeting, Justin seconded, the motion passed.
- Received correspondence included the Shepherd's Staff.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Bill:
 - No report.

- Fr. William:
 - The Niederman Family Farm event went well, with 33 kids from HOPE/JOY. GOYA is now self-sustaining and Fr. William is trying to get HOPE/JOY to the same point. The next major event is the Christmas Movie Night, with *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Treasurer's report:

- Justin reported that the GA approved the budget.
- The current cash situation is decent. The Endowment Fund is up. The building renovation expense will be the biggest item going forward. General cash flow is very good, but we will have renovation payments coming due soon.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Regarding the building, Holland completed work on the sanctuary. They used more material than was included in the quote, but did not increase what they charged us. They did find water during the repair, so hopefully that means they will have solved the issue once and for all. Pastrimas Painting will be coming in to repair and paint the ceiling, and are hoping to finish prior to liturgy on Sunday. Another leak was found over the stage near Craig's office against the back wall. Holland will come in and take a look at it.
- Regarding security, Eugene got a letter from the Springdale Township Police, saying they are raising their rate from \$30/hour to \$35/hour starting January 1. It will increase our security budget for 2017. A private option was identified 3 years ago at a quoted rate of \$27/hour. The service was deemed inferior as the rate didn't provide for a vehicle and the person would have been unarmed. The Springfield police also provide periodic drive-through patrols during the week as part of their coverage package.
- Financially, there is \$49,700 in the Northside checking account. The capital improvement fund sits at \$51,800 on total pledges of \$326,935. Total donations for the building restoration project are \$253,374 (~\$201,500 has already been paid out) with \$73,561 committed for donation over the next 5 years. Before October closes, Cousin Construction is to be paid \$154,300 and Nor-Com \$13,900. \$120,000 (at a 3.75% interest rate) will be drawn from the line of credit and will be combined with the capital improvement fund to cover these expenses. The remaining balances due to Cousin Construction (\$226,083) and Nor-Com (\$15,659) and the zeroing of the Line of Credit (\$120,000) will be covered by the authorized General Assembly loan of \$350,000. There is a shortfall of approximately \$12,000, not including potential furniture purchases, that is best filled by future donations. The loan repayment will begin in December at a monthly payment of \$4400 over 7-years.
- For Fr. Bill's retirement, schedule tweaks will guarantee that the community center will be available for the celebration. We need help setting up before hand, and will need even more on Sunday afterward to help with taking things down again.

Old Business:

- Community Hall Renovation:
 - The room will be ready by November 5, but without the acoustical panels and floor striping. Both will be done after Fr. Bill's retirement event. Full completion is set for Wednesday, November 2. As of October 12, Cousin was 85% finished. Nor-Com has to add projectors, screens, and controls.

New Business:

- Kairos Prison Ministry
 - Jim said that a local OCA church does a prison ministry with special training that serves between 20 and 30 inmates who are interested in the gospel. We can bake cookies and hold a prayer vigil to support them.

Stewardship Report:

- Peter presented a sample letter, trifold card, and order of service from the Tampa GOC under Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis.
- We plan to prepare our own materials, and to send a mailer in early November. We will host a Stewardship Sunday on December 4.
- We have also discussed plans to invite special guest speakers, preferably from the Parish but not from the Council, who can talk about what Stewardship means to them, but will need volunteers and approval from the Metropolitan.
- We will do another Name Tag Sunday as part of the Stewardship Sunday event, with printed name tags for pledged stewards. We also plan to include weekly messages in the Sunday bulletins regarding Stewardship from parishioners.

Committee Reports:

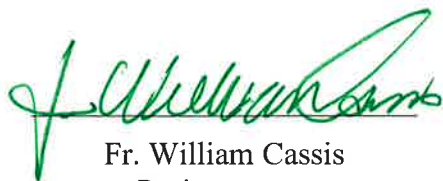
- No reports.

ADJOURNMENT


Call to adjourn: Peter moved to adjourn at 8:42.

Closing prayer: Fr. William offered the closing prayer.


Approved as written,



Fr. William Cassis
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Nick L. Sarakatsannis
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Assistant Secretary