

HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes April 19, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Members present: Nektarios Papasavvas (Presiding), Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos (Recording), Andy Stefanopoulos, Jessica Mavridoglou, Kim Lambrinides, William “Buzzy” Gaz, Bill Kanelopoulos, Jay Williams, Sylvia Rombis, Ron Nichols, Karen Aamodt, Eli Cassis, Gus Koutsogiannis

Members absent: None

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

MEETING

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Fr. Mark led the council in prayer.

President’s remarks:

- No update from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese regarding timing on Mr. Nick’s ordination
 - Formal letter written by the Parish Council president to Metropolitan Nicholas asking for clarity and timing on next steps regarding Mr. Nick’s status
 - **Note:** Will be mailed out to the Metropolis of Detroit on Friday, 4/20/18
- Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday, 4/25/18 @ 6:30PM (**Pillar Review**)

Secretary’s report:

- Ron moved to accept the March 2018 minutes, Buzzy seconded: the motion passed.
- *Correspondence received:*
 - “The Shepherd’s Staff” (Official Publication of the Metropolis of Detroit) for Great & Holy Lent 2018 was received
 - Letter from Metropolitan Nicholas from 3/15/18 expressing his gratitude for Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas’ \$1,000 donation to the “**Friends of the Metropolis**” campaign
 - Correspondence from Metropolitan Methodios of Boston from 3/30/18 announcing the 44th National Clergy-Laity Congress
 - **Held from 7/1-7/5 in Boston, MA**
 - The theme is centered on “**All things are possible for the one who believes**” (Mark 9:23)

Clergy remarks:

Fr. Mark:

- No update from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese regarding timing on Mr. Nick's ordination
- Gratitude and thanks expressed to entire Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas parish family for a blessed and spiritually uplifting Great & Holy Lent, Holy Week and Pascha!
- Praise for the Agape Luncheon
 - Almost 300 people attended!
 - It was beautiful Parish family celebration!
- **Scholarship Sunday**: 5/6/18
- **Sunday School Church School awards**: 5/20/18
- **Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Master Calendar Meeting**: Wednesday, 5/23/18
 - **Deadline for Ministry activity submissions**: Wednesday, 5/16/18

Pastoral Assistant Remarks:

Mr. Nick:

- Healthy culture of service at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas is seen and appreciated!
- Lots of ideas/activities planned to grow all the various youth & young adult ministries.

Treasurer's report:

Jessica Mavridoglou:

As of March 31, 2018

- **North Side – Checking (General Fund)**: \$90,024
- **Capital Improvement Fund**: \$32,511
- **Endowment Fund**: \$1,261,693

- **Total Income (Revenue)**: \$77,664
- **Total Expense**: \$50,413
- **Net Income**: \$27,251

Parish Administrator's report:

Eugene Nicholas:

- **Building**
 - Lighting upgrade is complete
 - Protective material attached to Church ceiling where there was water damage
- **Panegyri**
 - **First General Meeting is on Sunday, 4/29/18**
 - Large shipment from Corfu is scheduled for Thursday, 5/24/18
 - **Upcoming baking sessions (Start Time: 9AM)**
 - **Tuesday, 4/24/18** → Baklava, Day 1
 - **Saturday, 4/28/18** → Baklava, Day 2
 - **Tuesday, 5/15/18** → Melomakarona
 - **Friday, 6/1/18** → Koulourakia, Day 1
 - **Saturday, 6/2/18** → Koulourakia, Day 2
 - **Tuesday, 6/12/18** → Kourambiethes, Day 1
 - **Thursday, 6/14/18** → Kourambiethes, Day 2

Unfinished Business:

- **Emergency Preparedness/Church Security**
 - More to come from Buzzy and the Building Committee

New Business:

- **Building/Facilities Maintenance Assessment**
 - Need a comprehensive long-range Building Maintenance Plan to come from the Building Committee
- **Community Center Lighting**
 - Lighting proposal/quotation under \$1,000 was provided for underneath the overhang (where coffee is typically served during Coffee Hour)
 - Motion made by Andy to proceed with installation, second by Ron. The motion passed.
- **2018 National Clergy-Laity Congress**
 - Delegates from Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas
 - **Fr. Mark Emroll** (Presiding Priest)
 - **Nektarios Papasavvas** (Parish Council President)
 - **Buzzy Gaz** (Parish Council, Parishioner in Good Standing)
 - **TBD** - 2nd Parishioner in Good Standing
- **2018 Endowment Fund Distribution**
 - Motion made by Dimitrios to distribute 75% of the \$43,019.66 (approximately \$32,264.75) available for distribution from the Endowment fund by 9/30/18 in support of 2018 Community Center Campaign; Ron seconded. The motion passed.
 - **Note:** Per Endowment guidelines, Parish Council is entrusted with the responsibility to distribute/disperse appropriate funds in accordance with the established Endowment guidelines.

Committee Reports:

- **Strategic Planning**

Nektarios Papasavvas

- The 3 Pillar Teams (**Engagement, Education, Outreach**) are developing strategic projects/tactics that connect back to their Pillar's purpose, as well as tie back to our Church's Mission/Vision.
- Anyone interested in leading or being a member on any of the 3 pillars is encouraged to reach out to and join whichever pillar they would like
- **Strategic Planning Committee Review with all 3 Pillars & Pillar Leaders scheduled for Wednesday, 4/25/18 @ 6:30PM**

- **Stewardship**

Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos

- **Thank you** to all who make a difference in the life of our Church and its ministries by graciously giving of their time, talent and treasure!
- **Stewardship is about being a responsible manager of the gifts that God has given us, and giving back to Him**
 - A spirit of "Giving to God" is what enables and empowers all of us, as a Parish family, to spread His Word through our many ministries within our own Church walls and to the greater Cincinnati community.
 - **Our** time, talent, and treasure is what makes this possible.



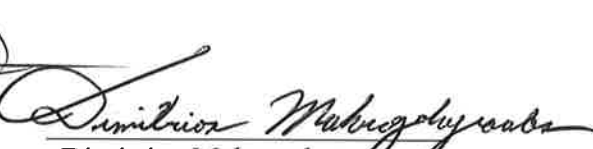
- **Stewardship (contd.)**
 - Through Sunday, 4/15/18:
 - **2018 Stewardship Pledged Commitments:** \$313,600
 - **Note:** Pledged commitments through 4/15/17 were \$320,095
 - **Pledged commitments are down \$6,495**
 - **2018 Stewardship Received:** \$164,077
 - **Note:** Stewardship received through 4/15/17 was \$172,296
 - **Stewardship received is down \$8,219**
 - **Stewardship Committee met on Thursday, 3/29/18 @ 5:30PM**
 - Work is underway on creating the theme and information for 2019 Stewardship
 - Stewardship Committee sponsored Coffee Hour on **Sunday, 4/15/18**
 - Overall feedback & responses received were positive
 - Tentative plan is for Stewardship Committee to sponsor at least 2 more Coffee Hours by the end of 2018
 - Stewardship Committee continues to feature “*Stewardship Snippet*” in the weekly *Sunday Voice* bulletin
 - **Next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 4/26/18 @ 5:30PM**

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Gus moved to adjourn. Sylvia seconded. The motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:47PM.

Approved as written,

 Fr. Mark Emroll Proistamenos	 Nektarios Papasavvas President	 Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos Secretary
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