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# HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 16, 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, Ron Nichols, Eli Cassis, Karen Aamodt, Gus Koutsogiannis, Bill Kanelopoulos

**Members absent:** Sylvia Rombis, William “Buzzy” Gaz, Jay Williams

**Parish Staff:** Eugene Nicholas

### **MEETING**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Fr. Mark led the council in prayer.

#### **President’s remarks:**

- 2018 Clergy Laity Congress was very positive and constructive
- Commentary from the Clergy Laity Congress is posted in the glass display case

#### **Secretary’s report:**

- Ron moved to accept the June 2018 minutes, Kim seconded: the motion passed.
- No correspondence received

#### **Clergy remarks:**

*Fr. Mark:*

- Backpack Sunday will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Stricker’s Grove)
- Sunday Church School and Greek School begins on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Different Start Time (Direct to classes at 9:30AM)
  - Blocking off the first 5 rows on both sides
- We will host/serve a Thanksgiving dinner at our Church on either Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (exact date will be finalized)
- Progress on Mr. Nick’s ordination (currently in the hands of the Archdiocese)

**Pastoral Assistant Remarks:**

*Mr. Nick:*

- Vacation Church School will be enhanced in 2019
- Details are in August 2018 issue of *The Voice* for **HOPE/JOY activities in 2018-2019**
- A lot of youth engagement!
  - 12 individuals went St. Nicholas Camp (**Ages: 8-18**)
    - **Goal for 2019:** 30 participants
  - 4 individuals to Ionian Village
  - 2 individuals went to CrossRoad
    - CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors who are preparing for college and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition.
    - CrossRoad has been hosted, on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross, and, this year, it expanded to Chicago on North Park University
- **Taverna Night** is scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- GOYA is in need of more advisors (parents) to help support events & activities
- **Digital (TV) Bulletin Board:** Enhance the means of and content for communication of Parish news & events
  - Discussion centered on determining the appropriate final location
    - Input from Fr. Mark, Mr. Nick, Engagement Committee and Building Committee to determine the exact final location

**Treasurer's report:**

*Jessica Mavridoglou:*

As of July 31, 2018

- **North Side – Checking (General Fund):** \$211,902
- **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$25,542
- **Endowment Fund:** \$1,265,146

July 2018

- **Total Income (Revenue):** \$49,154
  - Stewardship = \$22,210
- **Total Expense:** \$142,110
  - Archdiocesan Fair Share = \$48,521 (6 month installment paid in July 2018)
- **Net Income:** -\$92,956

**Parish Administrator's report:**

*Eugene Nicholas:*

- **Thank you** to everyone for another successful Panegyri!

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Emergency Preparedness/Church Security**
  - More to come from the Building Committee
- **Building/Facilities Maintenance Assessment**
  - Updated Building Maintenance Plan to come from the Building Committee

**New Business:**

- None

**Committee Reports:**

- **Endowment Committee**
  - The Committee accepted Lew Assaley's new strategy proposal for our Endowment portfolio during May 2018's Committee meeting
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Quarterly Review and progress report was held on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM at the Church for the 3 Pillars (Education, Engagement, Outreach)
    - Next review is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6PM at the Church
- **Stewardship**

*Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos*

  - **Thank you** to everyone who helped support our Church's Panegyri Greek Festival!
  - **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**!
  - **Orthodox Christian 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.
  - Through Friday, 8/15/18:
    - **2018 Number of Stewards that have given:** 450
      - **Note:** Number of Stewards through 8/15/17 that had given was 413
        - Number of Stewards is up by 37
    - **2018 Total Stewardship Commitments:** \$349,135
      - **Note:** Stewardship Commitments through 8/15/17 were \$350,336
        - **Stewardship commitments are down \$1,201**
    - **2018 Total Stewardship Received:** \$278,173
      - **Note:** Total Stewardship received through 8/15/17 was \$286,944
        - **Total Stewardship received is down \$8,771**

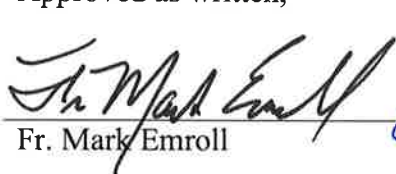
- **Stewardship (contd.)**
  - **Mid-Year Stewardship Letters were mailed out to all members of our Parish family on 8/15/18.**
  - **Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**
    - Information, including 2019 Stewardship Commitment Cards, will be mailed out the week of 9/3
    - Please either mail your completed 2019 Stewardship Commitment Cards to the Church or bring them to the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - On that day we will offer our Stewardship to God as **one Parish, one Family.**

### ADJOURNMENT

**Call to adjourn:** Andy moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. The motion passed.

**Closing prayer:** Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:57PM

Approved as written,



Fr. Mark Emroll

**Proistamenos**



Nektarios Papasavvas

**President**



Dimitrios Makrozahopoulos

**Secretary**