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HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes April 18, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll.

Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Eli Cassis, Bill Kanelopoulos, Peggy Kehayes, Gus Koutsogiannis, Ron Nichols, Gus Poneris, Sylvia Rombis.

Members absent: Buzzy Gaz, Kim Lambrinides, Gus Lazares, Jay Williams.

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas, Nick Tzetzis.

MEETING

Call to order: Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
Fr. Mark led the council in the Service of Prayer for the Opening of the Parish Council.

President's remarks:

- Andy Stefanopoulos:
 - For next week we are going to have services every day and we need to figure out who will be there.
 - Father Mark said that there was no news regarding Mr. Nick. It may be time to compose a letter. Andy will consult with Father Mark before bringing something to the council.

Secretary's report:

- Ron moved to accept the March minutes as distributed online, Eli seconded, the motion passed.
- We received the Lenten Shepherd's Staff.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark:
 - Father spoke with Maria Palassis, who indicated interest in taking the choir director position. They will discuss it further in a few weeks. She has relevant experience in the past and there should not be any interruptions in the directorship.
 - Janice requested to retire on May 19. We are acquiring a plaque and we need to arrange a gift.
 - Mr. Nick will pass around a guide for ushering on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday. We need people on Holy Saturday morning, as attendance is increasing every year and we need as many council members on staff as we can get.

- We received an unrestricted bequeathment from a parishioner's estate in the amount of \$10,000.

Pastoral Assistant remarks:

- Mr. Nick
 - We had a couple of big regional retreats that went very well. The OCF had 20 to 25 students for the weekend at Camp Kern and about 30 attended liturgy on Sunday. Many came down from Columbus. Mr. Nick hopes to do this again next year and to get Indiana students to join as well. GOYA had their retreat as well and got attendees from Dayton. Fort Wayne GOYA was unable to make it, but we had some Hellenic College – Holy Cross students who helped to teach some of the sessions. We also had the Metropolis Youth Director and her husband in attendance. We hope to make this an annual event too.
 - We are now looking ahead toward the St. Nicholas Summer Camp, for ages 8 to 18. It's an important opportunity for our youth to see that their contemporaries from other areas are also Orthodox.
 - We have a few additional projects on hold that will resume after Pascha.

Treasurer's report:

- Peggy Kehayes
 - We're doing very well financially. North Side Checking has \$94,634. The Capital Fund has \$11,850. We have raised \$41,880 using the matching grant, and we have paid the loan principle down by \$15,000, leaving our balance at \$191,000. Our checking balance is up from this same time last year.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas
 - The drain problem has become a behemoth. The plumbers can't get to it from above and are recommending that we cut the copper from below.
 - The hall doors were veneered and look beautiful. It was less expensive than buying new doors.
 - The fire inspection last week passed all categories, but soon we'll be required to have a \$350 Knox box for the fire department. We are going to purchase one now.
 - We have a new AED in the kitchen, which Eugene will hang next to the First Aid box.
 - The Agape luncheon is a week from Sunday. Reservations close Monday. Tables need to be set up on Holy Saturday morning.
 - Panegyri is only ten weeks away. We are going to have a many of pre-event tasks and we are still need a chair people and several apprentices.
 - Sunday May 19, we are having a special volunteer day celebration as well as a cake and a gift for Janice Kellaris.

Unfinished Business:

- Givelify.
 - Deferred for online discussion and determination at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Gift for Janice Kellaris.
 - Ron moved to gift \$1,000 to Janice Kellaris, Peggy seconded, the motion passed. We will monetary gift, a plaque, flowers and cake for Janice.
- Bequeathment.
 - Matthew moved to designate the \$10,000 bequeathment to the building fund, Sylvia seconded. Eugene recommended that we may wish to adjust the motion to accommodate potential other unrestricted funds to take advantage of the matching grant opportunity. Matthew withdrew the motion.
 - Matthew moved to designate all unrestricted donations through the end of day on May 31, 2019 to the building fund to take advantage of the matching grant opportunity, Sylvia seconded, the motion passed.

Stewardship Report:

- Bill Kanelopoulos
 - Commitments are up from last year, as are average commitments per household. Receipts year-to-date are a bit down while the average received per household is identical to last year, but those numbers will likely change with Holy Week.
 - We have had inquiries about our tax ID, which suggests that people are looking to include the church in their financial planning.
 - Name Tag Sunday will be this Sunday (Palm Sunday). We will have three tables and we'll need all the help that we can get. We will also pass out more pins. May 5 we are calling Stewardship Appreciation Sunday with coffee hour and sandwiches.

Committee Reports:


- There were no additional reports.

ADJOURNMENT


Call to adjourn: Eli moved to adjourn, Peggy seconded, the motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:20 PM.


Approved as written,



Fr. Mark Emroll
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Andy Stefanopoulos
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Secretary