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HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Eli Cassis, Bill Kanelopoulos, Peggy Kehayes, Kim Lambrinides, Gus Lazares, Ron Nichols, Gus Poneris

Members absent: Buzzy Gaz, Gus Koutsogiannis, Sylvia Rombis, Jay Williams

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

MEETING

Call to order: Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Fr. Mark led the council in the Service of Prayer for the Opening of the Parish Council.

President's remarks:

- Andy Stefanopoulos:
 - Welcome to everyone here. Father Mark will be giving us some very interesting news.

Secretary's report:

- Ron moved to accept the July minutes as distributed online, Peggy seconded, the motion passed.
- We received the official invitation to the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the enthronement of Metropolitan Nicholas, as well as the 2020 Clergy Compensation Guidelines from the Archdiocese.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark:
 - September 1 marks the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year. Our ministries will begin to reawaken from the summer recess.
 - September 8 is the first day of Sunday Church School.
 - We have identified a candidate to serve as Youth Safety Administrator, who must be approved by the Council.
 - We received a bequeathment from Vassiliki (Bessie) Christopoulos. Father spoke directly with the estate representatives. It is in excess of \$2,000,000 and has been directed toward completing the ceiling icons within the sanctuary.

Pastoral Assistant remarks:

- Mr. Nick
 - From August 30 to September 2, Mr. Nick and Ivey will be out of town. His sister is getting married. He will also be absent from September 15 to 21.
 - The new youth website is live. We are implementing a unified registration form for all Youth Ministries, including Sunday Church School, Altar Service, HOPE/JOY, and GOYA. Greek School and Greek Dancing are not included.
 - HOPE/JOY began on August 7 with a nice fellowship gathering.
 - GOYA has their first meeting and election on August 18. GOYAns have until August 17 to self-nominate for office.
 - The altar boys will have a kickoff meeting on August 25.
 - College students are beginning to return to town. Mr. Nick is asking that college students and their parents fill out the online form as well to help us keep in touch.

Treasurer's report:

- Kim Lambrinides
 - Our checking balance is currently \$258,400, the capital improvement fund \$2,952, the endowment fund \$1,271,700, and our remaining loan balance is \$93,400.
 - We are operating at a net loss of \$139,806 for July, but we're still at \$111,429 net income for the year to date. The loss is due to the Panegyri expense payments.
 - The Endowment Fund dropped a bit due to the recent market decline.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas
 - Vacation
 - Eugene will be away from August 23 to 31, but will return in time for the picnic.
 - Building
 - The copper roof requires putting the copper back up and cleaning up the greening.
 - The parking lot is mostly done. We do it every two years and the parking lot is in pretty good shape. Mr. Pascal suggests that we replace the trees in the parking lot islands, which he is willing to donate to us.
 - Panegyri
 - There are a few things still outstanding, but we look to be right on budget for expenses. The net profit ought to be \$245,385, covering around four months of our operating budget.
 - Picnic
 - The church picnic is September 1 from 2 pm to 9 pm. Eugene will need help with logistics and cooking.
 - The picnic includes hamburgers and hot dogs at Stricker's Grove.

New Business:

- Choir Director
 - Ariadne Antipa is starting this Sunday.
- Youth Safety Administrator
 - The Archdiocese Youth Safety Program requires an administrator to make sure that we and all of our youth ministry staff and volunteers are fully compliant. Evonne Marinakis has

volunteered to serve in the position pending Parish Council approval. Eli Cassis moved to nominate Evonne Marinakis to the position of Parish Youth Safety Administrator, Peggy Kehayes seconded, the motion passed.

- The Parish Council entered into Executive Session.
 - Craig Sansone received a mid-year raise, retroactive to July 1, 2019.

Stewardship Report:

- Bill Kanelopoulos
 - Commitments are up by around \$25,000 compared to last year. The average commitment per steward is up by \$55. The average received per household is up by \$14. Unfortunately, the total number of stewards who have given is down by about 14. Several new stewards have given after we sent out the August Stewardship letter, including some who have never given before.
 - September 8, the first day of Sunday Church School, will be the next Name Tag Sunday, and we have asked the Mother's Club to serve ice cream after the conclusion of the liturgy.
 - Stewardship Sunday is September 22, which will include a blessing of the commitments.
 - The theme for 2020 is "Bringing God Into Focus." Our packet was developed by Cassia and Sophia Chryssovergis in cooperation and consultation with Dimitri.

ADJOURNMENT

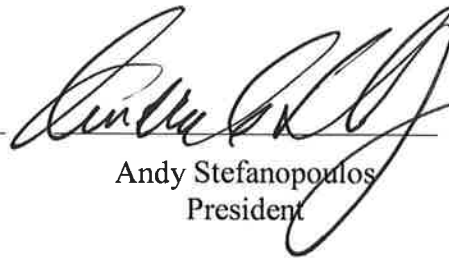
Call to adjourn: Kim moved to adjourn, Peggy seconded, the motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:35 PM.

Approved as written,



Fr. Mark Emroll
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Andy Stefanopoulos
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Secretary