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HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Members present: Andy Stefanopoulos (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Eli Cassis, Kim Lambrinides, Gus Lazares, Ron Nichols, Gus Poneris, Sylvia Rombis

Members absent: Buzzy Gaz, Bill Kanelopoulos, Peggy Kehayes, Gus Koutsogiannis, Jay Williams

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

MEETING

Call to order: Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
Fr. Mark led the council in the Service of Prayer for the Opening of the Parish Council.

President's remarks:

- Andy Stefanopoulos:
 - Thanks to Sylvia for a nice meal.
 - Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the successful Panegyri and thank God for the weather.

Secretary's report:

- Ron moved to accept the May minutes as distributed online, Eli seconded, the motion passed.
- We received thank-you notes from Janice and from Manny Zagorianos, as well as a quick start Stewardship guide from the Archdiocese.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark:
 - Thanks to everyone who helped with the Panegyri.
 - We will be continuing our summer Divine Liturgy sermon series.
 - His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of his enthronement.
 - Fr. Mark attended the enthronement of the Archbishop.

- The Youth and Child Protection and Safety program will be pushed back from September, but we will be identifying someone to manage the requirements on our end. We will learn the final requirements at the official roll out. Everyone who has anything to do with youth ministry in any capacity will be subject to this policy.

Pastoral Assistant remarks:

- Mr. Nick
 - We are adding a web portal: y2am.htsnchurch.org.
 - We had eighteen to twenty kids at our summer Vacation Church School.
 - Crossroads and summer camp attendance is slowly increasing.
 - Altar Boy signups will open earlier this year.
 - Mr. Nick will be absent from August 30 to September 2 for his sister's wedding, and all next week he will be at camp.

Treasurer's report:

- Kim Lambrinides
 - Our checking balance is currently \$416,000. Our total assets are up \$200,000 from last year largely due to paying down the mortgage.
 - Net income for June was \$327,000, up from this time last year by around \$80,000.
 - The mortgage is on track to be paid off before December. It currently stands at around \$102,000.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas
 - Building
 - The drain is clear and no more water is running down, the rubber has been repaired and Pete Kontopos has agreed to repair the damaged ceiling after he returns from Greece.
 - Sealco asked if we want arrows to be painted when they reseal the parking lot.
 - The community center floor looks good so Eugene and Craig suggest that we skip the screen and coat of the floor.
 - Panegyri
 - The tip jars raised \$3,800 for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.
 - Total revenue is in at \$430,235, our sixth largest ever. The budgeted profit was \$227,000. Expenses are not final so we don't have exact profit numbers.
 - The combined Gyro and Souvlaki booth exceeded our expectations. We had strong sales of Pastries, Greek Pizza, and Pop. Attendance was down from last year but it was similar to the last five years. We were blessed with lots of free press.
 - We were short on volunteers for setup on Monday and Thursday. We never had full staff for the Gyro and Souvlaki booth. We only had three volunteers for takedown on Tuesday and Wednesday. Chris Diaz brought in a dozen UPS guys on Monday.
 - The volunteer problem places a huge burden on Eugene, Craig, Jim Betas, Paul Misali, and Peter Zaferes. Hiring more workers will not solve this. We will still

need leaders to run booths such as the Gyro and Souvlaki booth. We must solve the volunteer problem or else we will have major issues next year. Eugene has been doing this for eleven years and this is the first time the volunteer parking never once filled up. A volunteer coordinator is necessary, and now rather than later.

Unfinished Business:

- Choir Director
 - Ariadne Antipa has agreed to become our next choir director. She will start August 18.

New Business:

- Commemorative Album for Metropolitan Nicholas
 - Matthew moved that we purchase a full page ad honoring Metropolitan Nicholas for \$400. Gus Lazarus seconded. The motion passed.
 - Clergy-Laity Delegates
 - The conference will last from Thursday the 25th of September through Saturday the 28th. We have 2 delegates going with Father Mark: Gus Stroplos and Justin Bates. Andy cannot go. We need to find one additional delegate from the Parish Council.

Stewardship Report:


- Matthew and Father Mark
 - A letter will be going out to those who have not given yet for 2019.
 - We are planning for Stewardship 2020. Stewardship Sunday is set for September 22. We have higher pledges per family and more given per household, but fewer total households have given, which is why our total receipts are lagging from last year.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Ron moved to adjourn, Sylvia seconded, the motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 9:06 PM.

Approved as written,


Fr. Mark Emroll Andy Stefanopoulos Matthew Neuendorf
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