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HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Fr. Mark Emroll.

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

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

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas, Nick Tzetzis.

MEETING

Call to order: Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Fr. Mark led the council in the Service of Prayer for the Opening of the Parish Council.

President's remarks:

- Andy Stefanopoulos:
 - Asked Mr. Nick about details of his scheduled call with the Archdiocese. There was nothing definitive to discuss.

Secretary's report:

- Eli moved to accept the February minutes as distributed online, Ron seconded, the motion passed.
- There was no received correspondence.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark:
 - Janis Kellaris is retiring as Choir Director on June 2nd. She wants to change the date to May 19. The Parish Council should consider doing something to honor her. Fr. Mark has reached out to a current choir member as a possible successor but has not yet heard back. He has also consulted with the HR committee about finding someone to fill the position.
 - Fr. Mark placed a call with Metropolitan Nicholas requesting an assistant priest for Holy Week, but the Parish Council will need to hold a vote for a formal request.
 - There will be an extra tray on Sunday, March 24. On Sunday the 31st Philoptochos will be passing a tray so the regular flower tray will be suspended. Sunday, April 7 the flower tray will be deferred for another extra tray.
 - The Parish Council has been very attentive with covering the extra Lenten services.

- Sunday the 31st will see Sunday Church School begin at 9:30 AM. All students will report to class and the first three rows on each side will be reserved.

Pastoral Assistant remarks:

- Mr. Nick
 - OCF will have its retreat from March 29 to 31. We will be hosting students here in Cincinnati. We should strive to make them welcome on the Sunday of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.
 - GOYA's Lenten retreat will be Saturday, April 13.
 - Vacation Church School will be held June 3rd through June 6th.
 - We are working to expand the number of children attending camp this summer.
 - We will be implementing new guidelines and responsibilities for the Panegyri dance classes. Mr. Nick is planning a meeting with all dance instructors on March 28 so that they can go over the guidelines. This is all part of trying to integrate the dance group as a part of the Church.

Treasurer's report:

- Kim Lambrinides
 - The North Side Checking balance is \$99,200. The Capital Improvement fund is at \$17,218.
 - The Endowment Fund is at \$1,274,795.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas
 - The drain still has not been cleared, so we have had no progress on the stained walls and the copper roof.
 - We have discovered a second leak near the entrance to the Sunday Church School wing in the Bishop's Walk. Stains are visible on the ceiling. Holland Roofing is coming out tomorrow to look at it with Craig.
 - We have started to clean the ceiling in the Narthex. The smoke buildup is very heavy. We plan to paint it sometime after Pascha.
 - We stripped the doors to the small hall in preparation for making them match the rest of the doors in the room. Though the removal went well, it revealed that the doors are in very poor condition. Craig and Gus Poneris are trying to salvage the project but we may be forced simply to repaint them. Another option would be to buy new doors or get the current ones veneered. We are soliciting quotes just in case.
 - The Church name was cleaned, painted and lacquer coated by Benton Metals and it looks great.
 - In the January meeting, Gus asked about implementing an electronic tool for giving. We have found a free app called Givelify, which is very user friendly. Donations have fees that are very similar to our current credit card system, at 2.9% plus a flat \$0.30 per transaction. A \$100.00 donation would cost \$3.20. The app will not replace PayPal, which has lower fees, but it will give parishioners another electronic donation option.
 - The Agape Luncheon is April 28. We need help with setup the day before and a few tasks on the day itself. It's a catered event and dinners are paid for in advance, which makes it much simpler. Please make your reservations online.

New Business:

- Greeter Program.
 - Ron asked to schedule a Greeter meeting for after Liturgy on Sunday, April 7.
 - To fill the rotation, we need 7 Parish Council members and 7 volunteers from the Parish.
- Additional priest for Holy Week.
 - Ron moved to request a priest for Holy Week, Kim seconded, the motion passed.

Stewardship Report:

- Bill Kanelopoulos
 - We are continuing the Stewardship Snippets in the Sunday Voice. We have also requested that several parishioners write stewardship messages for the monthly Voice: Peter Kasprzycki, Maria Moyer, Eirene Alexandrou, and Carrie Petrou. If anyone knows somebody who would be interested in writing an article about "What Stewardship Means to You" let Dimitri Makrozahopoulos or Bill Kanelopoulos know.
 - We are considering either April 21 or May 19 for our next Nametag Sunday.
 - After some discussion, the Parish Council decided that April 21, Palm Sunday would be the next nametag day.
 - We will be sponsoring coffee hour and sandwiches on May 5 as an appreciation for all the stewards who have contributed of their time, talents, and treasure.
 - Stewardship Sunday will be September 22.

Committee Reports:

- Panegyri
 - We are still looking for a dinner chair. Nektarios Papasavvas stepped up as Chairman for the Gyro/Souvlaki Booth. We do still need an apprentice to learn the production process.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:30 PM.

Approved as written,


Fr. Mark Emroll Andy Stefanopoulos Bill Kanelopoulos
Proistamenos President Secretary