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# HOLY TRINITY-ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2019

### ATTENDANCE

**Clergy:** Fr. Mark Emroll

**Pastoral Assistant:** Mr. Nick Tzetzis

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

**Members absent:** Sylvia Rombis

**Parish Staff:** Eugene Nicholas

### MEETING

**Call to order:** Andy Stefanopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.  
Fr. Mark led the council in the Service of Prayer for the Opening of the Parish Council.

#### **President's remarks:**

- Andy Stefanopoulos:
  - Though the turnout at the General Assembly was decent, it remains hard to get people to run for Parish Council.
  - The Beautification Committee will meet next week on Wednesday.

#### **Secretary's report:**

- Buzzy Gaz moved to accept the September minutes as distributed online, Ron Nichols seconded, the motion passed.
- We had no received correspondence.

#### **Clergy remarks:**

- Fr. Mark:
  - Michael Mavridoglou brought up that the local school district has a levy on the ballot and asked if we would be willing to place a sign in the church lawn.
  - Father Andrew Walsh will substitute on the October 27<sup>th</sup> for a planned absence.
  - This week we received information regarding the Youth Safety Policy. The target for full compliance is the end of December. Mrs. Evonne Marinakis is our appointed coordinator for the process. Next week an email will go out to everyone involved in any Youth Ministries regarding the implementation of the policy. It

should certainly include any parents who are involved in any respect. The Archdiocese requires three elements for certification: registration, screening, and training. Screening is done by Praesidium, which does background checks and offers the online training program. The background checks are nationwide criminal as well as specifically targeting the seven counties in and around where the subject lives. It also includes a motor vehicle check. Our Metropolis has adopted and mandated both criminal and motor vehicle checks already. The cost for the checks is \$22 per person and is good for 2 years. The Parish will cover the cost, and we estimate around 50 participants.

- Fr. Mark and Mr. Nick are pretty confident that they will have a determination on Mr. Nick's petition for ordination by sometime next week.
- We have received another bequest, this time from the estate of Claire Katsanis. It is estimated to be around \$140,000. This is undirected gift.

**Pastoral Assistant remarks:**

- Mr. Nick
  - Our ministries are all going very well.
  - Taverna Night was something special this year. It continues to grow, though our GOYAnS were somewhat disappointed in the funds they raised. Mr. Nick is grateful that we do not depend on event-based fundraising for our operations.
  - There was a conference call with priests of the Metropolis. The youth from 8 to 18 years old, camp age, are being invited to Louisville on Martin Luther King weekend.
  - We will be hosting the Youth Retreat this year.
  - The Parish Council should anticipate a request from the GOYAnS next month regarding a trip to Boston in April, which Mr. Nick has made clear to the GOYAnS should include a post-trip presentation about what they learned and experienced.

**Treasurer's report:**

- Kim Lambrinides
  - North Side has a current balance of \$198,100. Our loan balance is at \$75,790 and will be gone by year's end. The Endowment Fund is at \$1,316,427.
  - Our hall rentals are above the 2018 year-to-date amount, and Stewardship has begun to spike. We even passed the 2018 year-to-date receipts in September. Compared to 2018 our overall year-to-date income is up significantly. Our expenses are a bit higher than last year, but in part that is because of our fair share payment being billed monthly. We operated at a net loss of \$13,298 for September, but we're still doing very well for the year overall with a net income of \$63,581.

**Parish Administrator's report:**

- Eugene Nicholas
  - Brick Cleaning and Sealing
    - We have two quotes.
    - The vendor will power wash the entire building, hopefully including even the tower, then they will seal it which might last from 5 to 8 years.

- Two bids for power wash and seal are \$17,500 from Clearview and \$17,800 from JACO, with Clearview including both windows and sidewalks in the bid.
- We will solicit bids for tuck-pointing cracks once the power wash is finished.
- Cash Flow
  - We are around \$15,000 ahead of this time last year. We're well below budget on contract repair expenses.
- Roof
  - The sanctuary roof seems to be fixed, but an area over the bridal room and in the Community Center near the SCS wing have water stains on the ceiling.
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**New Business:**

- Brick Cleaning and Sealing
  - The vendor will power wash the entire building, hopefully including even the tower, then they will seal it which might last from 5 to 8 years.
  - There are some tuck pointing and cracks which we will look at filling once the power wash is finished.
  - Kim moved to proceed with Clearview Window Cleaning for the building cleaning and sealing per the estimate that we received. Gus Koutsogiannis seconded. The motion passed.
- Bequest Donation Disposition
  - We received \$140,000 from the Katsanis Estate. Fr. Mark suggested that half be placed into the Endowment Fund and half be dedicated to the renovation of the Small Hall. Buzzy Gaz moved to place 50% of the gift to the Endowment Fund and 50% to the Capital Improvement Fund while we research the renovation of the small hall. Peggy Kehayes seconded. The motion passed.
  - Renovation of the small hall will be referred to the Building Committee.
- Ill Child in Greece
  - There is a 17 month old child with a rare disease, spinal muscular atrophy, who needs to be brought to Boston for a \$2,000,000 treatment. They have currently raised around \$1,000,000.
  - Ron Nichols moved that our Parish designate a Sunday with communications in the Voice in support of the fundraising. Peggy Kehayes seconded. The motion passed.
- School Levy
  - Gus Poneris moved to allow the placement of a sign in favor of the Finneytown School Levy. Peggy Kehayes seconded. The motion passed.

**Stewardship Report:**

- Bill Kanelopoulos
  - The report is essentially the same as what we presented to the General Assembly. The numbers are very good, and our current trend is to close the year at half a million or more in received Stewardship.

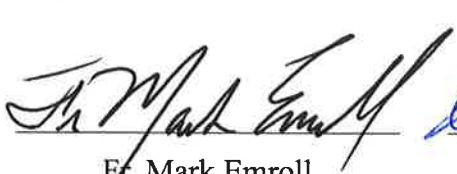
- Fr. George L. Parsenios will be giving a presentation on hymnology on Saturday, November 16, from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with the Church Office by Friday, November 8. He will also serve with Fr. Mark on Sunday.

**ADJOURNMENT**


**Call to adjourn:** Buzzy Gaz moved to adjourn, Peggy Kehayes seconded, the motion passed.

**Closing prayer:** Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:39 PM.

Approved as written,

  
Fr. Mark Emroll  
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Andy Stefanopoulos  
President

  
Matthew Neuendorf  
Secretary