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Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Clergy: Father Mark Emroll, Deacon Nick Tzetzis

Members present: Gus Lazares (Presiding), Matthew Neuendorf (Recording), Buzzy Gaz, Bill Kanelopoulos, Peggy Kehayes, Gus Koutsogiannis, Gus Poneris, Sylvia Rombis, Tom Tsiominas

Members absent: Andrea Siouris

Parish Staff: Eugene Nicholas

Guests: Alexa Poneris, Christine Poneris

MEETING

Call to order: Gus Lazares 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.

OCMC Presentation:

- Alexa Poneris
 - Alexa is a junior at Lakota West High School. She plans a mission trip to Albania from June 9 to 25. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about God and our fellow believers.
 - The estimated cost for the trip is \$3,500. It is necessary to have half the needed funds before 2 months prior to the trip, and full funds before 2 weeks prior.
 - Albania is a predominantly Muslim country, but there is an Orthodox school where the missionaries will be teaching about the journey of Great Lent.
 - There is an OCMC website with a link specific to Alexa's trip fundraising.

President's remarks:

- Gus Lazares
 - For the first couple of months so far we have been present and serving well during the Divine Liturgy. We have stepped up and been well staffed with enough people to do the job. Thank you for your dedication.
 - This year looks like it will be exciting.

Secretary's report:

- Peggy Kehayes moved to accept the January minutes as distributed online, Sylvia Rombis seconded, the motion passed.
- We had no received correspondence.

Clergy remarks:

- Fr. Mark
 - Father and Dn. Nick went to Michigan for a pre-Lenten retreat. It was a very good experience that involved discussion of spiritual growth as clergy and how to meet the spiritual needs of individuals and parishes.
 - Metropolitan Nicholas was diagnosed with cancer last May. After treatment, he is now cancer free. He anticipates a return to a fuller schedule near the end of April and into May.
 - Lent begins on March 2. Father Mark prays that everyone has a blessed Lent. We will need help during all services.
 - Father Mark will be away from March 9 to 12. There will be no Lenten services on the 9th or the 12th.
- Deacon Nick
 - Lenten Retreat registrations are still coming in. We have about 15 people already signed up with over a month left. We hope to meet the minimum requirement for Camp Kern. Dn. Nick requests up to \$4,000 from the Endowment disbursement to finish funding the retreat to help cover costs for around fifty participants and fifteen chaperones.
 - The Dayton basketball tournament was a fantastic weekend event. Dn. Nick is really proud of our coaches, especially the head coaches who are very active Orthodox Christians. The Boys' A Team won and the B Team and both Girls' Teams played valiantly against long odds.
 - Alexa's presentation is an excellent opportunity for growth, not only for her but for our other teens who can witness her undergoing a truly serious, heavy-duty mission trip. Please seriously consider her ideas for how she can engage the entire Parish in her trip. It is very important that we as a Council and as a Parish pray for her.
 - We are hosting a Lenten Retreat for college students at Camp Kern. Dn. George Athanasiou will be presenting.

Treasurer's report:

- Peggy
 - Our North Side Checking account has \$113,600, compared to \$115,272 last year.
 - The Capital Improvement fund has \$144,434, compared to \$15,600 last year.
 - The Endowment Fund has \$1,445,100, compared to \$1,257,500 last year.
 - The Iconography Fund is newly established with a balance of \$2,610,008.
 - Stewardship is over \$30,000 ahead of last year, at \$86,554, compared to \$53,692 last year. Expenses are similar with three payrolls in January. Our operational net income is \$19,781.

Parish Administrator's report:

- Eugene Nicholas
 - Building Restoration
 - Hicon is half-way done. Weather has slowed progress. The estimated finish date is mid-March.
 - Small Hall
 - The Audio/Visual estimate is \$11,000, with about \$59,000 remaining in the allotted funds for flooring, the walls, and the ceiling. The plan is to match the Large Hall color scheme. Kathy Francis is helping.
 - Brass
 - We have an annual cleaning every January. The cost ranges from \$2,200 to \$3,000 per year. When Tyler Nicholas isn't here please clean the candle boxes at the end of the service.
 - General Assembly
 - The Parish Assembly will be March 1. The agenda was mailed out. Gus Koutsogiannis will help with lunch. We need help with check-in and serving.
 - Agape Luncheon
 - The meal will be April 19. Montgomery Inn will cater. Michael Mavridoglou will supply the band. Reservations begin in March. This is a Parish Council event, so please help as much as you can, especially with setup and takedown.

Unfinished Business:

- Iconography Project
 - John Tonelli will be meeting with the committee on Wednesday the 26th, in the morning. He will view the icons in person and discuss things with the committee.

New Business:

- OCMC Mission Trip
 - Matthew Neuendorf moved that we endorse Alexa's OCMC mission trip, provide 10% of the required funds up front, and as the deadlines approach the Parish Council will cover any remaining necessary funds. Tom Tsiominas seconded. The motion passed.
- GOYA Lenten Retreat
 - Tom Tsiominas moved to use the Endowment Fund to provide up to \$4,000 as necessary to fund the GOYA Lenten Retreat. Gus Poneris seconded. The motion passed.

Stewardship Report:

- Bill Kanelopoulos
 - Commitments are up \$32,000 from this time last year, at \$337,814. We have received \$43,718 more than last year at \$116,928. Over the weekend we surpassed last February, only half way into the month.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Gus Lazares moved to adjourn, Peggy Kehayes seconded, the motion passed.

Closing prayer: Fr. Mark led the closing prayer at 8:08 PM.

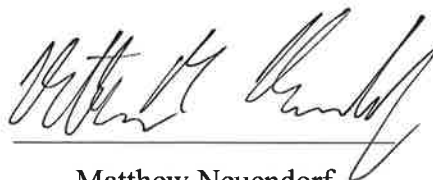
Approved as written,



Fr. Mark Emroll
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Gus Lazares
President



Matthew Neuendorf
Secretary