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Spring General Assembly Minutes March 6th, 2016

MEETING

Attendance: 55 people

Call to order: Nick L. Sarakatsannis called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m.

Opening prayer by Fr. Bill

Election of chairperson: Eugene Nicholas nominates Nick J. Sarakatsannis for Chairperson of meeting, Jim Gelis seconds.

Minutes from Fall General Assembly on October 11th, 2015 were moved to be accepted as received by Lew Assaley, seconded by Irish Condorodis. Nick J. Sarakatsannis noted the need to change Bill Tsacalis name on previous minutes (error in spelling). Motion is moved by Lew Assaley, seconded by Jim Gelis

Endowment Fund Rules and Regulations: Charles Stephan moved to change the order of events of the meeting and to discuss endowment regulations at this time, seconded by Irish Condorodis. Nick Georgiton discussed the Endowment Fund and the the new rules and regulations that were mailed out to the Parish. A motion was made by George Jonson to accept the new rules and regulations, seconded by Lew Assaley. The motion passed unanimously.

President Comments: Nick L. Sarakatsannis thanked all those contributing to the meeting. He gave a huge thank you to Craig, Eugene and all the volunteers on committees. He discussed the building renovation campaign and he hopes for Parish wide support. The lunch served at the meeting was from Dixie Chili, it was the 100th year anniversary of his grandfather coming from Ellis Island.

Priest Comments:

Fr. Bill-He thanked everyone for the 40th anniversary celebration gifts, the camera and the cross with engraving on the back. He mentioned his retirement of January 1st, 2017. Fr. Bill discussed the renovation fund and looking back at all those who have contributed to keeping this building in good shape over the years. He stated we need to propagate their legacy. Fr. Bill mentioned to please alert the priests when someone in the parish is sick so Fr. William and he can come any time of day.

Fr. William-Hope/Joy-Zachary Nicholas joined the ministry team. Fr. Larry had a newsletter going for the group when he was the assistant priest here and we have implemented that again. It is called the Whisper. GOYA - The General Assembly meeting was postponed to encourage members to attend. Many GOYAN's attended.

Treasurer's report: Justin Bates gave a financial review of 2015. He reported that our income had fallen below budget. Stewardship is down by \$19,557, fundraising revenue was short by \$10,202 last year mostly due to the Panegyri gross revenue being \$12,000 below budget. Our overall cash flow was \$14,065 below budget. Most of our expenses have fallen below budget in 2015. Building Repair & Maintenance had the largest gap of \$80,797 below budget. This is due to the fact that the HVAC units were a capital expense and not included in general operating expenses. This category is also below budget due to the large donation we received to pay for the plumbing project. George Jonson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Lew Assaley. Vera Manolakas reported that the report must be filed for audit and then the audit committee can approve the report. Charles Stephan seconded the motion for the report to be filed with the audit committee.

Stewardship Report: Justin Bates gave the report. He thanked everyone for their involvement in Fellowship Sunday. He stated, "It really helped me with names and faces in our community." He also stated, "We plan to have this event a couple times a year to help us meet others." Justin encouraged everyone to assist in organizations to help the community grow. Michael Mavridoglou is working on the parish Facebook page. Chris Chryssovergis mentioned that stewardship is up this year and if we stay with the donations given in January/February we would be able to be fund our expenses with stewardship. He encouraged everyone to continue this momentum.

Endowment Fund Report: Nick Georgiton reported that it is currently at \$996,917. It is down due to current market trends.

Panegyri report: Eugene Nicholas reported we are 109 days away from the festival and planning is underway. Zachary Nicholas is working on the poster and should have it completed by the end of the month. The new website is 90% completed. A chairperson for parking is still needed and we have a new chairman for the souvlaki booth (Nektarios Papasavvas). One new booth called the St. Nicholas Shrine booth will be added. Cara Chryssovergis will chair the booth. The booth will have videos, literature and banners. The goal is to raise money to support the Shrine. Eugene would like to thank all the volunteers for their help and time that make this the best festival in the city.

Old Business:

Community Center Renovation - Jim Gelis launched a campaign to fund the project. He reports he needs to know by March if we are going to be able to fund the project. There have been letters mailed with pledge cards and you can also pledge online. Alex Christoforidis presented the layout of the community center renovation.

- a. Alex Christoforidis stated that the building committee has been working together well. There are three main areas the project will be based around: the gym, dining alcove, and the bishop's walk. The goal of updating this space is to extend the mission of the Parish. We want to make a space that belongs to our Parish. It will exhibit who we are as a church/parish. When guests walk into the Bishop's walk it will help them to know who we are. This should be a space we are proud of. Alex answered questions concerning the floor, it will be all wood, there will be a table top scoreboard for the basketball team, and there will be new backboards/padding on the basketball goals. All of the upper windows will be replaced.

New Business: None reported

Organization Reports:

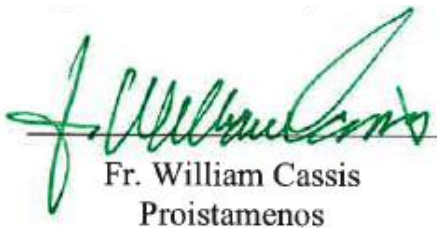
Lew Assaley gave long-range planning committee report. He reported that James Kellaris will be putting together the parish survey that will be out by April 14th of this year. Parishioners will have two weeks to respond. The last survey was given out 5 years ago. There will be five major themes: welcome, expansion, liturgy, finance, and communication.

ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn: Lewis Parsenios moved to adjourn at 12: 48 p.m.

Closing prayer: Fr. William offered the closing prayer.

Approved as written,


Fr. William Cassis
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Nick L. Sarakatsannis
President


Christine Masella
Recording Secretary