

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palos Hills, IL

April 18, 2023

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Fr. Nicholas Dahdal	Andy Kladis
Demitri Andrikopoulos	Janet Koliopoulos
Tom Berchos	George Lattas
Leo Bezanis	Mike Orrico
Liz Christofylakis	Effie Panos
Mark Dinos	Andy Sampalis
Angelo Fotopoulos	Jim Stavrou
Gerry Galatis	Telly Visvardis
Gus Kapsaskis	Tony Vouris

ABSENT:

Peter Kaftantzis
Elaine Simadis
Sue Kouchis

- I. Jim Stavrou, called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. The meeting commenced with 17 members present.
- II. Mark Dinos made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting. Demitri Andrikopoulos seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- III. Pastoral report delivered by Fr. Nicholas
 - a. Holy Week was spiritual uplifting. Was excited to see almost 50 altar boys on Holy Friday. Grateful for having Fr. Mythodios to help assist during Holy Week.
 - b. Issues with sound system. Suggested we have another company come out to inspect.
 - c. Grateful for having Fr. Mythodios to help assist during Holy Week – he did a good amount of confessions during the week.
 - d. Office staff working out as setup currently, no issues.
- IV. President's report delivered by Jim Stavrou
 - a. Thanked Fr. Nicholas and entire PC for a successful Holy Week.
 - b. No news or update from Metropolis regarding a new Proestaminos.
 - c. Hoping to start on patio project within the next several weeks. We are waiting on company provided to us from donor of the project.
- V. Financial report delivered by Elaine Simadis

- a. Financials presented via email – no questions for Elaine who was available via telephone.

VI. Stewardship/Philanthropy report delivered by George Lattas

- a. As of April 18, 2023, we have 345 paid stewards with an average give of \$542. YTD we have raised \$187,157 in total stewardship. YOY we are down 29 stewards and \$28,843.
- b. We were 1 of 6 churches selected within the Metropolis to be part of a workshop related to Stewardship. Seminar to take place on April 22 in the East Room. More to be reported at our next meeting. Will look to do a stewardship breakfast sometime soon.
- c. Project Hope dropped the ball with Feed 6 event – took them over a week to collect stuff prepared during the event which caused some issues within the building.

VII: Old Business

- 1. East Room Beautification – Tony Vouris
 - a. One bid received for new drapes, \$33,278. Still need to obtain 2 additional bids along with bids to reface bar and stage.
 - b. Jim Stavrou asked that the chandelier covers in the East Room to be removed and bulbs replaced by May 9.
- 2. Maintenance – Telly Visvardis
 - a. Gym floor recently stripped, painted, and shined.
 - b. Baseboards in Fr. Nicholas' office should be completed within the week.
 - c. Working on replacing lights in the lobby.
 - d. Fr. Nicholas complained about air circulation in his office – will be into.
- 3. Golf Outing – George Lattas
 - a. May 25, 2023 at The Odyssey.
 - b. Ask is that every Parish Council member does a \$250 sponsorship.

VIII: New Business:

- 1. House Committee – Tony Vouris
 - a. Last meeting, there was discussion around switching to beeswax candles. Received pricing from Mt. Anthos Candles – 100lbs for \$1,000 – size can vary depending on what we want.
 - b. Would receive \$1 per pound on used candles that we return. Will obtain additional quote from our current vendor and vote on this matter at our May meeting.
 - c. **MOTION:** Mark Dinos made a motion to switch purchasing candles to Mt. Anthos with details to be finalized by House Committee. Conversion will take

place once we have depleted our current supply. Tony Vouris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IX: Adjournment:

Mark Dinos moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gus Kapsaskis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Submitted by Gerry Galatis

April 27, 2023