

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Minutes of the General Assembly
November 17, 2013

Opening Prayer: Father William Bartz

Chairman: Dean Antonopoulos Motion—Dennis Dickos, Second—Steve Kollias
Approved Unanimously

Quorum: More than 100 in attendance, 45 required, quorum met.

Minutes Approval: Motion—Michael Malandrakis, Second—Michael Stropes
Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Motion—Mike Malandrakis, Second—Vicki Pappas
Approved Unanimously

A financial review is conducted every few years and the committee has met this year and a finalized report will be mailed out to our parishioners.

Stewardship: Dennis Dickos

Dennis Dickos presented the current stewardship report. Last year was the first year in a while the budget was increased. There was a total of 50 families that pledged in 2012 that have not pledged this year.

Presiding Priest's Report: Father William Bartz

Father Bill is pleased to be here and eager to meet us all. It's been 17 months since Holy Trinity has been together as one family with one Presiding Priest. Next Sunday we will all be together for the first time now that Saint George will be leaving us. Father Bill's motto will be to keep things open and honest as we move forward. Some programs have been modified already with ESPN now becoming Junior GOYA. The senior GOYA has been encouraged to take more of a leadership role. Father Bill is looking and listening for options into weekday, morning or evening services. He is hoping the Parish will meet the 5% goal in tithing in order to honor God, offer more ministries for us, the neighbors, and community. The house blessings will be in late January due to Father Bill's previous commitments. Father Bill likes to approach problems to be solved or tackled by establishing policy that creates consistency, openness, and equality. He will create a team approach with Altar Boys, Narthex Servers and Parish Council with the purpose of enabling families to worship together.

Trinity Ball: Gail Zeheralis

The Trinity Ball has been scheduled for February 22 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Gail also brought up the youth grant from the Center for Congregations and hopefully we will see some of this money next spring.

2014 Budget:

Pete Dunbar asked that next year the wear, tear, and repair of the Church secondary to church Festival be itemized specifically. Under the subheading personnel expenses a 4% raise was given to Tim, Susanne, and Cindy. Dean Maniakas and Bill Christoff also received raises. Health insurance cost decreased due to the coverage that Father Bill earned as a retired military officer. Nick Pappas brought up the idea that more priority should be given to paying down the debt of the Parish and possibly a fundraiser to be held in the future for this goal. Nick motioned that future spending and the amount spent on iconography be approved by the General Assembly be added to the minutes. Mike Malandrakis added to the motion that up to \$300,000 in expenditures be allowed for Phase 2 of the iconography, excluding the iconostasis which is not part of Phase II under the approval of the Metropolitan. Second by Vicki Pappas. Motion passed with one opposed (Pete Dunbar). Father Bill added that paying down the mortgage be added to the list of priorities from the last Parish Council meeting.

Building Fund Report:

There is a balance due of \$223,745.83 as of 11/14/13.

Philoptochos Report: Tracy Pappas

Tracy affirmed the goal of this organization is philanthropy.

Festival Report:

Dean Antonopoulos made it known how much the Parish appreciated the hard work of Lawrence Eleftheri and the executive council for putting on a wonderful Festival. Comments were made by a few Parishioners recognizing the support of Saint George Church in supporting our Festival with their workforce, the success of the Greek Cultural tent and the email soliciting ideas from the community. Mrs. Young liked having no admission this year and this led to spirited dialogue. This subject will be reviewed again for the future festivals.

Parish Council Elections:

Term is coming up for seven Parish Council members. Steve Young wished to serve on the Parish Council and this was seconded by Matt Alban. Elections will be held on December 8 with an election committee of Tony Filis, Pete Dunbar and Matt Alban.

Other Business:

In-house counsel, Jim Dimos, has a meeting set with opposing counsel and hopefully will be resolved in December. Matt Alban brought up the stained glass icons from the old church that are in storage. Dennis Dickos provided the background of the stained glass windows. It was decided that Father Bill, Bob Dine, Matt Alban, and Tony Filis will meet to figure out what to do with the stained glass. Michael Stropes brought up the yeoman's work Dean Antonopoulos did under extraordinary circumstances. This was further expounded on by Gail Zeheralis and a thunderous applause from those in attendance.

Closing Prayer: Father William Bartz