

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
July 14, 2016

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Church. President Tracy Pappas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Secretary Nick Dervenis present.

Clergy Present: Father Bill Bartz, Father Jarrod Russell

Members Present: Matt Albean, Nick Dervenis, Dennis Dickos, Bob Dine, Angelo Julovich, Steve Kollias, Tracy Pappas, George Pappaionou, Julie Rowlas, Nick Saran, Irene Sarris, Nick Sofianopoulos

Members Absent: Greg Dickos, Gail Zeheralis

Opening Prayer

Father Bill Bartz led a prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

Approval of the June 9 and June 26 minutes

Julie Rowlas made a motion: There was a correction on the June 9 minutes. "I move to accept the minutes of the June 9 with the correction and June 26 meetings." There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Treasury Report

Nick Saran presented the Treasurer's report including an overview of the balance sheet as of June 9, 2016 as follows:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 171,314.89
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 16,837.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 170,972.15
Schwab – Cash	\$ 125,997.37
PNC Building Fund	\$ 409,506.77
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 894,629.05</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Nick Sofianopoulos made a motion: "I move to accept the Treasurer's report." There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Stewardship Committee Report

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 7/12/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	393
Total amount pledged to date	\$671,248.37
Total amount contributed to date	\$364,655.19
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$306,593.18

Comparison: 2015 Stewardship on 7/14/15

Total parishioners pledged	383
Total amount pledged	\$627,450.34
Total amount contributed	\$354,306.73
Total balance unpaid	\$273,143.61

2015 Stewardship as of 7/12/16

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	408
Total amount pledged to date	\$676,780.80
Total amount contributed to date	\$661,396.30
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$ 15,384.50

Dennis Dickos reported the quarterly statements were mailed out recently with the electronic funds transfer form included in the mailing. 2017 Stewardship Cards will be mailed out on September 16. October 2 is Stewardship Sunday and will include a luncheon. The Parish is doing well in comparison to other Greek Orthodox Churches and is pleased with our stewardship results.

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since our 9 June Parish Council meeting, there was one wedding and one 40 day Churching. Our last Divine Liturgy in the Church was celebrated on 19 June. Our first Divine Liturgy in the Founders' Walk was celebrated on 26 June which has received very favorable comments from a wide spectrum of Parishioners. The Divine Liturgy will continue in the Founders' Walk through 24 July. There was one funeral at Saint George Church.

The Golf Outing for Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero took place on 27 June and was another success with 18 teams on the shotgun start. While the final numbers have not been tabulated, the Chairmen are confident that there will be a profit similar to last year.

As per our Bylaws, the Parish Organizational Calendar Meeting completed the 2016-2017 Holy Trinity Church (HTC) Calendar on Saturday, 25 June. Sandy Cooper again greatly assisted this process with her computer skills, creating a temporary calendar for all organizations to input their preferences and facilitating for a productive meeting.

Christ Kamages traveled to HTC and consulted with Bob Dine, the Certified tile installers, and Father Bill on 22 June, clarifying details.

Father Bill did a blessing of an airplane, attended the Orthodox Clergy meeting, and was invited to attend a quickly convened AHEPA meeting and to meet the Supreme President on 20 June.

The 42nd Clergy Laity Congress (CLC) of our Archdiocese and the National Philoptochos Convention were held in Nashville, TN ON 3 – 8 July. Theone Dickos was the Co-Chairperson for this National Philoptochos Convention. Diana Dine attended the Philoptochos Convention from HTC. Those representing HTC at the CLC were Father Jarrod Russell, Tracy Pappas, Bob Dine, Emily Bartz, and Father Bill.

Two vendors who make the large hand-carved liturgical furniture came to HTC after the CLC, providing us samples and submitting bids.

Father Jarrod Russell has been assigned as the Presiding Priest of Saint Nicholas Church in Jamestown, NY, effective 1 August 2016. His last Sunday and working day at Holy Trinity Church (HTC) is 24 July where the Parish will offer a farewell for him. He will be paid through and

including 31 July. We are grateful for him and his ministry during his eleven months at HTC. I personally have enjoyed working with him and have learned from him.

Deacon Lucas Christensen will be our new Assistant who begins on 1 August 2016. He is married to Stacey. They have two children, Theodore (7 years old) and Genevieve (4 years old).

Father Jarrod Russell's Report

Religious Education:

Niki Martine has organized the Summer Church School program. The classes are structured based on the Gospel Reading of the day. The program meets on June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. There are three separate classes organized by grades, 9-12, 5-8, and K-4. There were 26 total students for the classes conducted on June 26 and over 20 students for the July 10 classes.

There will be a teaching Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 17.

Youth Ministry Events:

The Sr. and Jr. GOYA trip to King's Island occurred on Wednesday, June 15. Six Jr. GOYAnS, three Sr. GOYAnS, and six adults attended. It was a very successful trip, and the responses received from the GOYAnS were very positive.

The Sr. and Jr. GOYAnS will operate the soup kitchen on Saturday, July 16. This will be the final combined Sr. and Jr. GOYAn soup kitchen because next year they will take turns operating the soup kitchen. In other words, there will be a Sr. GOYAn soup kitchen and then a Jr. GOYAn soup kitchen. This is part of a broader effort to conduct separate events for Sr. and Jr. GOYAnS.

Also, seven Sr. and Jr. GOYAnS are going on the Project Mexico trip that left this morning.

Metropolis of Detroit Events:

The St. Nicholas Summer Camp is scheduled for July 24-30, 2016, in Pleasantville, Tennessee. Registration closes this Sunday, July 17.

REAL:

The first event for the small group for young married couples occurred on Friday, June 24. Three couples and the assistant priest met for dinner and then went to the Escape Room in downtown Indianapolis. While we did not escape from the room, it was a very successful event, and the couples requested that a second event be scheduled before my final day at Holy Trinity Church. We are accordingly going to an Indians baseball game on Friday, July 22. A fourth couple has expressed interest in this small group and is expected to join them in future events.

Clergy – Laity Congress:

The Clergy-Laity Congress occurred from Sunday, July 3 through Thursday, July 7. During this week long congress, various meetings, workshops, forums, clergy meetings, and a plenary session occurred. There are two workshops that need to be mentioned to the Council.

The first workshop was on the Orthodox Software Initiative. Previously, the Holy Trinity office staff contacted parishes using early versions of this software who were not initially pleased with the software. The software is undergoing further revision, and version 8 is supposed to be released in September.

The second workshop was on outreach and evangelism. This workshop featured four priests, Fathers Luke Veronis, Theodore Dorrance, Evan Armatas, and Barnabas Powell, all of whom are noted for their work in the area of outreach and evangelism. This workshop was an example of the type of material that will be offered at a conference led by these four priests in October called "Bringing Orthodoxy to America." Topics addressed briefly during this workshop and that will be expanded on at the conference include renewing the established parish's missionary zeal, overcoming obstacles to parish growth, understanding and utilizing social media in the parish, and evangelism resources for parishes both small and large. It was an outstanding workshop. It is my recommendation that a representative of Holy Trinity Church be sent to this Conference, which will occur in Portland, Oregon on October 3 through 5.

Final Parish Council Meeting:

This is Father Jarrod's final Parish Council Meeting as the Assistant Priest of Holy Trinity Church. Father Jarrod said "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve here in Carmel for the past eleven months. I express my deepest appreciation to Father Bill Bartz, President Tracy Pappas, former President Steve Kollias, and all the Parish Council members who have served during my time at Holy Trinity for your kindness, your love, your support, and for setting a superb example of how a Parish Council should function. There will always be a special place in my heart for Holy Trinity Church and this Parish Council. May God continue to bless and guide all of you and our beloved Church."

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

LED Lighting for Iconography Update -- Tony Filis

Tony reported his update via e-mail. The communication modules that will allow the new technologies LED light to communicate with our current Lutron lighting system controls began installation yesterday. The programming of the lighting will begin July 14, 2016. Estimated completion date is July 22, 2016. The rebate money for the exterior lighting has been approved. We are waiting for IPL to issue the rebate check to Holy Trinity.

Update for new Risers – Tony Filis

Tony reported his update via e-mail. The start date for new choir risers will be Monday, August 1, 2016. Completion should be Friday, August 12, 2016. Design has been changed with seating now at 27. The only task remaining is to select color of the hardwood floor. This needs to be done prior to this Friday. Samples were available and viewed by the Parish Council with the selection of Handscraped Maple Burlap WESH2BUR/434 from Bella Cera Wood.

Flooring – Bob Dine

Bob stated the flooring project is on track with completion within the first few weeks of August. Father Bill said the center of the Church will be marked and recommended the center mark to be small and simple.

Pews – Dennis Dickos

Dennis reported the radius pews will be symmetric and has been working closely with Dave Beck from New Holland on sampling of chair and pews to review stain. The installation will take up to 4 days. Discussion ensued about replacing the chairs after the flooring is completed. Bob Dine will look into protecting the flooring prior to replacing the chairs to avoid scratching or chipping of the new floor. Dennis suggested to increase insurance another \$1 million dollars upon completion of the new flooring and pews.

Repairs—Iconostasion— Dennis Dickos

Dennis will look into different companies for the repair work as the original company is no longer in business. Father Bill and Dennis will look into different options to match the same wood and carvings for the Bishop's Throne, Chanter's stand, Memorial Table, Candle Stand, and the other large pieces of furniture.

Car Purchase—Nick Dervenis and Nick Saran

Nick Saran researched 2014/2015 Subaru Foresters with approximate mileage between 15,000 - 30,000 miles and determined Holy Trinity could purchase this type of vehicle in the price range of \$20-21,000. Julie Rowlas recommended the option of leasing the vehicle instead of purchasing due to liability issues. Julie will check with legal counsel to review potential liability issues from purchasing a vehicle and will report her findings. Dennis Dickos moved to purchase a vehicle up to \$24,000 pending Julie's liability investigation with legal counsel. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. The motion was passed.

Roof Insurance Claim—Julie Rowlas

Julie will contact an insurance agent to review and discuss the letter received from insurance provider Mennonite Mutual regarding possible additional future claims and discuss options.

Software Update—Matt Albean

Matt reported the server arrived and he will meet with Bill Perdue within the next 2 weeks to review.

Building Fund Plaques—Father Bill

Father Bill stated the plaques were installed today and was pleased to report they look good! Payment will be made.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine

Bob Dine reported one of the AC units went out. It was determined to purchase a new unit instead of repair. The Committee is studying the mechanicals and exterior of the Church and will report their findings.

Repairs-uneven sidewalks —Bob Dine

Bob Dine reported the company Concrete Surgeons will look at the sidewalks and make their recommendations.

Roof Repairs – Bob Dine

Bob Dine reported the roof repairs have been completed.

Old Risers--Father Bill

The Choir will sell the old risers. If unable to find a buyer, then they may be donated.

Background Checks for youth workers—Tracy Pappas

Tracy reported some Greek Orthodox parishes are already conducting background checks for individuals working with the youth. Tracy will look into a policy and will propose at the next Parish Council meeting.

Gyro Fundraiser

It was determined the Committee will meet with Jim Bagios and have a plan/proposal to present at the next Parish Council meeting.

Greekfest Aug 26th-28th—Julie Rowlas

No Report.

Calendar Events

The Parish calendar of events for 2016/2017 was presented by Father Bill. Steve Kollias moved to accept the Calendar. There was a second. There was opportunity for discussion. The motion was passed.

Miscellaneous

Ice Cream on September 11th : Nick Dervenis and George Pappaioanou will take the lead.

IOCC Event on November 6th : Julie Rowlas will take the lead.

Christmas Party on December 10th : Tracy Pappas and Irene Sarris will take the lead.

Bob Dine suggested participation in the International Festival in September. He will attend and will report his findings at a future Parish Council meeting.

Steve Kollias suggested to mutual fundraising opportunities with Marsh Supermarkets. He will discuss with John Vitsas and report his findings at a future Parish Council Meeting.

There will be an enhanced Coffee Hour on July 24, as this will be Father Jarrod’s last Sunday. Gail Zeheralis, Irene Sarris, Nick Dervenis, and Philoptochos will take the lead for this event.

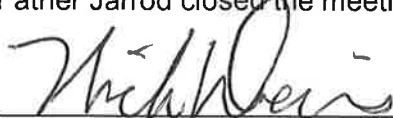
Next Meeting – August 11, 2016

2016 Meetings – 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December

Adjournment

George Pappaioanou made a motion. “I move to adjourn the meeting.” There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.


Father Jarrod closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



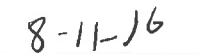
Nick Dervenis, Secretary



Date




Tracy Pappas, President



Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest



Date