

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
August 11, 2016

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, August 11, 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, Deacon Lucas Christensen

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

Members Absent: Matt Albean, Nick Saran, Gail Zeheralis

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the July 14th minutes

Steve Kollias made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the July 14th meeting." There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Treasury Report

Nick Sofianopoulos presented the Treasurer's report including an overview of the balance sheet as of August 11th as follows:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 130,332.82
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 16,837.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 147,218.36
Schwab – Cash	\$ 125,997.37
PNC Building Fund	\$ 443,552.66
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 863,939.08</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

George Pappaionou 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.

Finance Committee Update

Nick Sofianopoulos presented the finance committee update. Nick stated the proposed 2017 budget. He said these are preliminary numbers and still working on finalizing these numbers by October.

Stewardship Committee Report

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 8/11/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	403
Total amount pledged to date	\$690,478.37
Total amount contributed to date	\$416,777.10
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$273,701.27

Comparison: 2015 Stewardship on 8/11/15	
Total parishioners pledged	392
Total amount pledged	\$641,625.34
Total amount contributed	\$399,927.31
Total balance unpaid	\$241,698.03

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 Stewardship Sunday is October 2nd with a luncheon catered by Maggiano's or Rosellis. The Parish Council prefers Rosellis due to the large price differential.

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since the 14 July Parish Council meeting, there was one teaching Divine Liturgy on a Sunday in the Founders' Walk. Two Sunday Divine Liturgies, one Great Vespers and one Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration of our Lord, and one Paraklisis were celebrated at Saint George Antiochian Christian Orthodox Church in Fishers. There was one Paraklisis Service in the Founders' Walk at Holy Trinity Church (HTC). There were two funerals and one Confession. Three pre-marriage sessions were also conducted. Our Summer Church School attendance for the weeks between 26 June and 24 July was 26, 20, 19, and 30 students respectively. While the attendance could have been better, Father Bill was pleased with these.

On Sunday, 24 July, Father Jarrod Russell concelebrated his last Divine Liturgy as the HTC Assistant Priest. Our Parish hosted a wonderful farewell for him, as he begins his ministry as the Presiding Priest in Jamestown, NY. He served our Parish well and we also witnessed his growth as a Priest. We thank Irene Sarris and Diana Dine for taking the lead for his farewell.

We welcome Deacon Lucas Christensen, his wife, Stacey, and their children, Theodore and Genevieve to HTC. Deacon Lucas began his work at HTC on 1 August, participating in the Divine Services and settling in HTC.

The Golf Outing for Saint Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero was another success, totaling \$15,247 and enabling HTC to send another \$15,500. This brings the total by HTC to \$30,500 with another \$15,000 by our Philoptochos.

Our Philoptochos Newsletter, *Ta Nea*, was selected as 1st runner-up in the National Philoptochos. We congratulate our Philoptochos and specifically Sherry Reckas for her high quality work!

Three trips were coordinated by HTC. A one-day pilgrimage trip to the myrrh-streaming icon of Saint John the Baptist in the Assumption Church at Homer Glen, IL occurred on 16 July with 43 venerating the icon. The Mission trip to Project Mexico with 14 attending occurred on 14 - 20 July. The Mission Trip to Guatemala with 11 attending occurred on 1 - 8 August.

Last Saturday was the first day that HTC volunteered at the Merciful Help Center at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Our volunteers did a great job and sensed an inner joy by helping others.

In anticipation of our return into the Church, the pulpit will remain in storage with a cost of \$35 per month. The Chanter stand will be on the Solea. This change reduces the space on the Solea for the pulpit, preventing its return. Other options for the pulpit are being pursued.

HTC is hosting the Metropolis of Detroit Youth Worker Conference. Our responsibilities include providing space for the Conference which will be the Library, as well as a continental breakfast and a lunch. Funding to host the continental breakfast and lunch is needed.

Dennis Dickos motioned to fund the continental breakfast and lunch for the Metropolis Youth Worker Conference on 24 September 2016 with \$1250. Motion was seconded. A vote was taken. The motion passed.

Father Jarrod had attended a workshop at the Clergy Laity Congress and recommended a conference in Portland, Oregon, called "*Bringing Orthodoxy to America*" on 3 - 5 October 2016. Topics 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. Registration after 1 September is \$100. Since there was no motion, HTC will not attend.

Father Bill and Emily traveled to Seattle, WA for a family wedding, causing them to be away from HTC for five days from 27 July thru 1 August.

Deacon Lucas Christensen's Report

YOUTH MINISTRY: *GOYA* □ *Senior and Junior*- Theresa Dallas, Stephanie Anderson, and Leigh Ann Csubak met with Deacon Lucas this past Wednesday evening. They shared their experiences and approach, the calendar, as well as a possible trip in May.

HOPE/JOY - Wendy Mudis, Jim Belt, Doug and Annamaria Boggs will meet with Deacon Lucas on Sunday afternoon to learn more about their experience with and plans for HOPE and JOY.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: *Church School* - Angela Calliotte and Helen Young will meet with Deacon Lucas on Friday afternoon to learn about the program and approach.

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT:

Youth Workers' Conference - Holy Trinity will be hosting the Metropolis of Detroit Youth Workers' Conference on Saturday, 24 September, beginning at 10 am. Eva Kokkinos is organizing the event and Holy Trinity will be providing the meeting space as well as continental breakfast and lunch.

On a personal level, Deacon Lucas and his family feel especially blessed to be here at Holy Trinity, and they are happy to be back in central Indiana. They have received a warm welcome and look forward to being a part of this dynamic community. Deacon Lucas wants to thank Father Bill and Presvytera Emily, the Parish Council, and the Office Staff for making this an easier transition than they could have hoped.

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

LED Lighting for Iconography Update -- Tony Filis

Father Bill presented on behalf of Tony Filis. Tony relayed that the interior lights are installed and functioning. There are programming control issues still being worked on with the hopes to have resolved by August 19.

Update for new Risers – Tony Filis

Father Bill presented on behalf of Tony Filis. The riser base construction is complete. The staining of the face of the riser and edging is scheduled to be completed by August 19th.

Flooring – Bob Dine

Bob Dine expressed concern over people walking on the flooring because the tile needs proper time to cure. Bob stated the proper flooring sequence and scheduling is being compromised due to delays in the arrival of the medallions. Bob said the final punch list should be addressed and completed prior to opening the doors to the large crowds of people anticipated during the Greekfest. Bob said cleaning including extensive dusting needs to be completed on August 19 and 20th in order for the sanctuary to be ready for services on August 21st and asked for volunteers. Bob stated the exo-narthex may still be under construction prior to August 21st and parishioners may need to enter the sanctuary thru the side doors.

Dennis Dickos moved to hire a professional cleaning company and spend up to \$3,000 due to potential liability issues. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Father Bill suggested to cover the floor with heavier floor covering during the weekend of Greekfest which would allow for additional protection.

Tracy Pappas suggested a decision about Church Tours during GreekFest be made next week prior to the Festival and after reviewing the amount of work that is completed on the floor.

Dennis Dickos moved to leave the final decision on church tours during Greekfest to Father Bill, Tracy Pappas, and Bob Dine. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was passed.

Father Bill stated the face of the eagle medallion seemed to be different than what was originally picked. Bob Dine said better pictures will be sent and he will review with Chris Kamages prior to medallion shipment.

Pews – Dennis Dickos

Dennis contacted Dave Beck from New Holland to send us a stained chair to review the stain color. Pew installation is on schedule with the target date of September 9th.

Visit by His Eminence on September 17 & 18 – Father Bill

We will host a dinner on Saturday, September 17th for His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and Deacon Lucas and his family. Dennis Dickos will inquire about the availability of the Meridian Hills private dining room for this date.

Trash Collection Contract—Father Bill

We reviewed proposals from Republic Services and Ray's Trash Services. Irene Sarris moved to allow Tim Bryant to decide on the company. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Roof Insurance Claim—Julie Rowlas

Julie suggested meeting with Tracy Pappas and Bob Dine to further review the roof insurance claim. Tracy Pappas suggested obtaining Kevin Perry's assistance in this matter.

Repairs—Iconostation— Dennis Dickos

Dennis will meet with Tim Weberding on site to look over the iconostation and ask for his recommendations.

Car Purchase—Nick Dervenis and Nick Saran

Nick Dervenis reported that Nick Saran purchased a 2015 Subaru Forester at the Bob Rohrman Subaru dealership in Lafayette. This vehicle was purchased for use by Deacon Lucas. After the Jeep trade-in, the final price paid for the vehicle was \$18,585. This amount was well less than the budgeted amount of \$24,000 approved at the previous parish council meeting.

Software Update—Matt Albean

No report.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine

Bob Dine reported the Committee meets monthly and will present a progress report for March's General Assembly.

Repairs-uneven sidewalks —Bob Dine

No report.

Roof Repairs – Bob Dine

Bob Dine reported the roof repairs have been completed.

Old Risers--Father Bill

Bill Christoff is actively researching different options to sell the old risers and will keep us updated on the status.

Increase Insurance for HTC—Julie Rowlas

Julie stated the insurance increase has been completed.

Background Checks for youth workers—Tracy Pappas

Tracy will meet with the Director of Metropolis Youth Ministries, Eva Konstantakos, to discuss the criteria the Metropolis is currently reviewing and may present at this Fall's General Assembly.

Gyro Fundraiser--Nick Dervenis, Steve Kollias, and Irene Sarris

Nick Dervenis spoke to Jim Bagios who indicated HTC currently owns one gyro machine which is in storage and several carving knives. A flyer was created and will be e-mailed to Sandy Cooper to make it more "eye catching." The intention is to pass out the flyers at Greekfest 2016. It was suggested to purchase one additional gyro machine which will be looked into.

Greekfest Aug 26th-28th—Julie Rowlas

No Report.

2017 Holiday & Vacation Days

Steve Kollias moved to accept the 2017 Holiday & Vacation schedule. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was passed.

Miscellaneous

Angelo Julovich suggested pictures to be attached to e-mails when reporting on a parishioner's passing to assist in identifying the deceased.

Dennis Dickos asked about reinvestigation into exterior signage, new fencing around the trash bin area, and the educational wing needs repainted.

Father Bill suggested that signage on the exterior building needs to be installed, identifying entrances.

Steve Kollias has been working with both Marsh and Kroger on reloadable gift cards which will provide HTC with 5% back and will provide additional details at the next Parish Council meeting.

Next Meeting – September 8, 2016

2016 Meetings –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.

Deacon Lucas closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



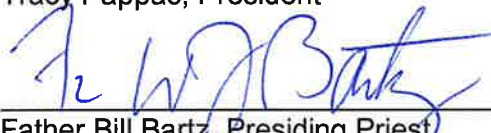
Nick Dervenis, Secretary

10-2-16
Date



Tracy Pappas, President

9-11-16
Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

2 OCT 2016
Date