

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
December 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at the Church. President Tracy Pappas called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m.with Secretary Nick Dervenis present.

Clergy Present: Father Bill Bartz, Father Lucas Christensen

Members Present: Nick Dervenis, Greg Dickos, Bob Dine, Angelo Julovich, George Pappaioanou, Tracy Pappas, Julie Rowlas, Irene Sarris, Nick Sofianopoulos, Gail Zeheralis

Members Absent: Matthew Albean, Dennis Dickos, Steve Kollias, Nick Saran

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the November 10th minutes

George Pappaioanou made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the November 10th 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 December 8th as follows:

ASSETS:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 131,090.51
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 19,933.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 120,810.12
Schwab – Cash	\$ 126,037.07
PNC Building Fund	\$ 165,394.41
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 563,265.98</u>

LIABILITIES:

Building Payables	\$ 34,410.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 34,410.00

Details of Designated funds as of 11/30/16

Corner Sign- \$6,100
Iconography- \$143.51 (Paid dome lighting \$46,493.68)
Altar Cloths- \$3,840
Altar Boy Robes- \$2,000
Choir- \$10,262
GOYA- \$29,642
Missions- \$17,626
Dance Troupe-\$5,260
Joy- \$900
Hope- \$325
REAL- \$400
Sound System Donation \$2,000
Leisure Timers-\$290

Parking Expansion-\$20,000
Savings- \$20,000

Details of the Building Fund as of 11/30/16

Floor & Pews- \$(9,600.83)
Old Building CD-\$125,263
Roof Damage- \$18,291
Litigation Settlement- \$19,436
Building Donations- \$11,518

Floor & Pews Contributions as of 11/30/16

Pledged: \$648,977.18
Contributed: \$637,707.78
Balance: \$10,669.40

Changes:

Operating Acct:

Received from 11/01- 12/08 \$123,600 in income & \$107,081 in expenses.

Designated Acct:

Increased due to the choir concert and Christmas card donations
GOYA received \$1,500 from Kohls & also received \$1,500 for GOYA basketball
\$1,000 donation for the sound system

Building Fund:

Paid Certified Flooring \$18,000
Paid CJK \$10,428

Julie Rowlas suggested to place a zero under the PNC Building CD balance sheet to avoid confusion.

Nick Dervenis made a motion: "I move to accept the Treasurer's report with an amendment to check into the Certified Flooring liabilities balance." There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Stewardship Committee Report

Julie Rowlas presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 12/07/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	418
Total amount pledged to date	\$706,957.33
Total amount contributed to date	\$608,492.00
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$98,465.33

2015 Stewardship as of 12/03/15

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	404
Total amount pledged to date	\$663,916.14
Total amount contributed to date	\$559,647.05
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$104,269.09

2017 Stewardship as of 12/07/16	
Total parishioners pledged	193
Total amount pledged	\$478,791.00
Total amount contributed	\$21,170.00
Total balance unpaid	\$457,621.00

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since our 10 November Parish Council meeting, there was one Vespereal Liturgy, one Baptism, and four Confessions. There were also two pre-marriage sessions. Father Bill also blessed the opening of a restaurant. There were three tours offered and a meeting with another person who is inquiring about the Faith.

In an effort to offer religious education opportunities for our Parishioners, Father Lucas offered the final of three very informative and interesting presentations about the Orthodox Church, entitled *Living Traditions*, on 16 November.

Father Lucas attended the Metropolis of Detroit Clergy meeting at the Metropolis on 15 November. Father Bill participated via teleconference call.

The Choir offered a Christmas Concert on Saturday, 3 December, that was extremely well done. Many who attended it expressed their appreciation for a magnificent program and a delightful reception afterwards. Approximately 250 – 275 people attended.

Steve Kavroulakis, the woodcraftsman from Crete, and Father Bill spoke on the phone. He has submitted some samples of style via email. As the style is selected, he will be submitting a bid for the large furniture.

Sandy included the Parish Directory on HTC website "Members only" section. Feedback?

The pulpit remains in storage with a cost of \$35 per month.

Only a few have yet to send their donation to the Friends of the Metropolis in 2016.

The Parish Council on behalf of the entire Parish acknowledges and thanks George Pappaioanou for his many years of continuous service on the Parish Council. Also, we thank Matt Albean for his service during these past two years.

Father Lucas and his family will be going on vacation, beginning immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day, and returning to HTC on Tuesday, 2 January 2017.

Emily and Father Bill will travel to Washington, DC for the annual Endorsing Agents Conferences for both military and institutional Chaplaincy. They depart on Thursday, 5 January, and return on Thursday, 12 January 2017. Father Radoslav will be available to assist Father Lucas during the Divine Liturgies and with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Deacon Lucas Christensen's Report

YOUTH MINISTRY:

REAL –

On November 19th four young adults met with Father Lucas to begin planning for a REAL event inclusive of our single young-adults as well as couples.

We will be holding our second annual College Student Dinner at Matt the Miller's Tavern on January 4th.

GOYA –

GOYA held their Chili Cook-off Fundraiser; they raised \$688.63. Thirty-three GOYAnS participated, and two of our JOY members helped wash trays afterward.

HOPE & JOY –

HOPE & JOY held a Movie & Pizza Night on Nov. 12th with ten children in attendance. We watched the film 'Inside Out', and Annamaria Boggs led a craft project that reinforced the central message of the film.

HOPE & JOY made Holiday Cards for shut-ins on December 4th after Divine Liturgy. There were 14 children in attendance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Church School – The Church School began their St. Basil Academy collection on December 4th. The Church School will hold its Christmas Program this Sunday December 11th after Divine Liturgy.

Beginning in February Classroom Visits will begin. In order to learn more about our teachers' pedagogical approach with a wide range of ages, Father Lucas will be observing each class in turn.

Adult Education – We completed our Living Tradition series with a final presentation on November 16th. Participants surveyed indicated strong interest in future sessions on Orthodox Christian spirituality, & on the Church's guidance on contemporary moral issues. Another three talks are planned for February 8th, 15th, & 22nd 2017.

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

HTC Wetlands – Tracy Pappas

Tracy stated field work is to be completed by the engineering firm and will present options to be shared at the next meeting.

Flooring – Bob Dine

Bob was pleased that Bill Christoff acknowledged employees of Certified Flooring who were present at the Christmas Concert over the weekend. Dean Maniakas and Bob will be completing a final punch list over the next few days. Bob said the baptistery area tile dye is different and will need to be replaced.

Roof Insurance Claim- Julie Rowlas

Julie stated that Bob Dine will contact a structural engineer to assist in determining the next course of action after reviewing the report.

Repairs-Iconostasion- Dennis Dickos

No Report.

Sound System- Father Bill & Nick Saran

Father Bill reported ESCO Communications provided a demonstration and there was a noticeable difference on how clear the sound system was. Father Bill said a bid from another company is expected soon.

Repairs- Uneven sidewalks- Bob Dine

Bob reported the sidewalks have been repaired with no issues noted.

10 Year Plan- Bob Dine

Bob Dine said a cash flow chart will be completed after speaking with various companies. Bob said Leon Pappas will take the lead on this initiative.

Gyro Fundraiser Report- Nick Dervenis, Irene Sarris & Steve Kollias

Irene reported a net profit of \$792. It was decided to skip the month of January due to Liturgy that evening and a strict fast day. Gyro Night will resume on the first Thursday in February. Yard signs were discussed as an option when the banner is unable to be displayed to assist in advertising.

IOCC Fundraiser Report- Julie Rowlas & Nick Saran

Julie stated 90 people attended the event which raised \$13,775. With the match of \$7 to \$1, this brings the total amount raised to \$96,424.

Collection trays & Reserve signs- Tracy Pappas

Tracy said she did not like any of the collection trays on the internet and will continue her search.

Photocopier Report- Greg Dickos

Greg stated the contract has been signed and the installation is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

Parish Office- Father Bill

Father Bill reported a notice was received from our payroll company which recommends to continue with the current pay for the Office Staff for the remainder of 2016 and implement increases for 2017. This recommendation is a result of the new overtime law which is currently on hold. Discussion ensued. Tracy Pappas suggested to discuss this topic more in depth at the next Finance Committee meeting.

One part time employee is presently not scheduled to receive Christmas bonus. The motion was made to correct this and passed to present him an appropriate Christmas bonus.

Father Bill said the current medical insurance carrier, United Healthcare, is planning a premium increase for 2017. Cindy, our Office Manager, provided information to change from the United Healthcare to Anthem BC/BS which includes both vision and dental and will reduce annual premiums by over \$1,000 for the Office Staff.

Greg Dickos moved to change insurance carriers from United Healthcare to Anthem BC/BS. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Father Bill reported that today was the last day for the Admin Assistant, Willa, as an employee of Holy Trinity which has created an office opening. Discussion ensued regarding feasibility of converting the open part-time position to full time. Tracy Pappas suggested to discuss this matter further at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Father Bill said he has signed up for Medicare and thus they healthcare premiums expenses for HTC will increase.

Phase 3 Iconography- Father Bill

Father Bill presented the list of icons for Phase 3 of the Iconography project. This list will be updated regularly, enabling Parishioners to review the list and donate an icon. The approach will be the same as Phase 2 on a "first come-first served basis". When the full payment is received, the icon is then considered donated. The saints were selected from the names that have been submitted by the Parishioners on the Saturdays of Souls for the past three years.

Christmas Party – Tracy Pappas

Tracy said the Christmas party is scheduled for this Saturday, December 10th and encouraged all to attend. This event is co-hosted by Parish Council, Philoptochos, and GOYA. Tracy reported 245 people have made reservations.

Affirmation of Oath

It was decided that January 15th would be a better date for most Parish Council members instead of January 1st. As such, the Affirmation of Oath for the 2017 Parish Council members will take place on Sunday, January 15th, followed by the Election of Officers.

Next Meeting – January 19, 2017 at 6:30pm

2017 Meetings – 9 February, 9 March, 6 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 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 Lucas closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Nick Dervenis, Secretary

1-19-17
Date



Tracy Pappas, President

1-19-17
Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

19 JANUARY 2017
Date