

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
November 10, 2016

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, November 10, 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 Lucas Christensen

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

**Members Absent:** Steve Kollias

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Approval of the October 13th minutes**

Matt Albean made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the October 13th 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 Saran presented the Treasurer's report including an overview of the balance sheet as of November 10th as follows:

**ASSETS:**

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 113,733.01
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 19,933.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 112,828.31
Schwab – Cash	\$ 126,037.07
PNC Building Fund	\$ 193,322.33
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 565,854.59</u>

**LIABILITIES:**

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

**Details of Designated funds as of 9/31/16**

Corner Sign-	\$6,100
Iconography-	\$143.51 (Paid dome lighting \$46,493.68)
Altar Cloths-	\$3,840
Altar Boy Robes-	\$2,000

Choir-	\$9,882
GOYA-	\$25,275
Missions-	\$18,072

Dance Troupe       -\$5,260  
 Joy-               \$900  
 Hope-             \$325  
 REAL-            \$400

Leisure Timers-    \$290  
 Parking Expansion- \$20,000  
 Savings-            \$20,000

Details of the Building Fund as of 10/31/16

Floor & Pews- \$18,327  
 Old Building CD-\$125,263  
 Roof Damage- \$8,016  
 Litigation Settlement- \$19,436  
 Building Donations- \$21,793

Floor & Pews Contributions as of 10/13/16

Pledged: \$647,977.18  
 Contributed: \$636,807.78  
 Balance: \$11,169.40

Changes:

No major changes in cash

Father Bill addressed a question from October Parish Council meeting regarding monies in the fundraising account. He said the fundraising account consists of income from the 50/50 raffle and previous raffles.

Nick Dervenis 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 11/10/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	415
Total amount pledged to date	\$701,246.27
Total amount contributed to date	\$550,945.26
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$150,301.01

2015 Stewardship as of 11/04/15

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	400
Total amount pledged to date	\$656,645.34
Total amount contributed to date	\$514,706.97
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$141,938.37

2017 Stewardship as of 11/10/16	
Total parishioners pledged	155
Total amount pledged	\$419,896.00
Total amount contributed	\$7,600.00
Total balance unpaid	\$412,296.00

Dennis noted 2016 statements will be mailed out mid-November with hand written notes by Father Bill on select statements encouraging parishioners to fulfill their pledges. Dennis stated that both 2016 and 2017 stewardship commitments are doing well.

Tracy Pappas read a request from Helen Young asking for approval to host Shop 'Til You Drop on October 21, 2017. Helen noted that vendors require advanced notice due to their schedules. Dennis Dickos moved to approve this date for the shop 'til you drop event. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Tracy Pappas also read thank you notes from Father Lucas for purchase of new vestments and from his parents for Holy Trinity's hospitality during Father Lucas' ordination weekend. These thank you notes had been received over a month ago and were now presented to the Parish Council.

## **Clergy Reports**

### **Father Bill Bartz's Report**

Since our 13 October Parish Council meeting, there was one weekday Divine Liturgy, one Vespers Liturgy, and one funeral. There were also two pre-marriage sessions.

In an effort to offer religious education opportunities for our Parishioners, Father Lucas gave two very informative and interesting presentations about the Orthodox Church, entitled *Living Traditions*, on 26 October and 2 November. The third and final one is on Wednesday, 16 November.

On Tuesday, 25 October, Holy Trinity Church (HTC) hosted the Central Indiana Orthodox Clergy for the monthly meeting and lunch. Sixteen Clergymen attended and Dean Maniakas prepared another delicious meal for a total cost of \$163.56.

Father Bill also attended the Carmel Alliance meeting, which consists of leaders from a wide diverse group of faith groups which have their worshipping centers primarily in Carmel and included Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, and Latter Day Saints.

The Interim Pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Pastor Chuck Miller, and Father Bill were introduced virtually by the Julian Center representative. They met at HTC, enabling him to see our beautiful Church.

Last Thursday, Father Bill had a meeting with Abby Rolland from Second Helpings. She expressed their appreciation of our efforts to support them and welcomes future efforts.

Steve Kavroulakis, the woodcraftsman from Crete, and Father Bill spoke on the phone. He will be submitting a bid for the large furniture.

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

Hopefully, everyone's donation to the Friends of the Metropolis has been submitted. Emily and Father Bill traveled to Cleveland, Ohio for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Paul Church, where Father Bill was an Assistant Priest and, again, to Akron, Ohio for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Annunciation Church, the home Parish where Father Bill was raised and where his father was the Presiding Priest for 38 years. Fortunately, Father Radoslav was available to assist Father Lucas during the Divine Liturgy and with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Father Bill's family members have been in Carmel since his return from Akron on Sunday. In view of their visit, Father Bill's work hours have been minimal this week.

## **Deacon Lucas Christensen's Report**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY:**

#### *REAL –*

On Oct. 15 a group of young adult couples met with Father Lucas for coffee to discuss plans for the Young Adult group, REAL, at Holy Trinity over the coming year. They unanimously expressed a desire for a less-structured approach. Proposed activities included coffee with conversation about religious & moral issues, Bible study, dinner either at one family's house or at a restaurant, & generally building a solid social group. Further, they expressed a preference for an inclusive, yet intentionally three-tiered approach: unmarried young-adults, married young-adults without children, & married young-adults with children. They suggested that some gatherings might be general, while others may be focused on a particular demographic, given the divergent interests & life-experiences of each group. This would not be dissimilar to the approach of GOYA or HOPE/JOY. REAL will be reconvening on Nov. 19, with all of the young adults who have so far expressed interest. This will be all-inclusive, with the hope of getting broader input. In the coming week, there will be an announcement about a post-Christmas dinner for all of Holy Trinity's college students, held before our out-of-town students must leave for the Spring term.

#### *GOYA –*

GOYA hosted the second annual Trunk or Treat. There was a great turnout of 20 GOYAns from Holy Trinity, as well as youth from St. George.

A consolidated Bonfire for both Jr. & Sr. GOYA was held on Saturday Nov. 5. at Nick & Tracy Pappas's home with 18 GOYAns attending—everyone had a wonderful time, many thanks to the Pappas family for hosting.

The Chili Cook-Off fundraiser will be held on Sunday Nov. 13 after Divine Liturgy, before the General Assembly.

#### *HOPE & JOY –*

JOY worked with the 'Kids Coats' program as their Service Project on Saturday November 5 with 4 JOY members & their families—13 parishioners total. The program leaders expressed their appreciation for our involvement.

HOPE will be having a Movie & Pizza Night on Nov. 12 at 5pm.

HOPE & JOY will be making **Holiday Cards** for shut-ins on Dec 4 after Divine Liturgy.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

*Church School* – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classes will be receiving Bibles or Divine Liturgy books, respectively, following Divine Liturgy on Nov. 13.

*Adult Education* – There have been two of the three presentations on the **Living Tradition** of our Orthodox Faith, held on Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, with the final session on Nov. 16. The showing has been strong at both sessions: ~45 attendees at each.

## **Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports**

### **HTC Wetlands – Tracy Pappas**

Tracy will discuss the engineering contact with environmental attorney Kristina Tridico prior to signing and returning the contract. This should be completed by the end of the week. The engineering firm will help in determining if the land is still considered wetlands and options available after the determination.

### **Flooring – Bob Dine**

Bob stated the eagle medallion has been sealed and installed. He said Certified Flooring has completed their punch list. Bob said HTC's punch list will be performed by Dean Maniakas and himself with the target date for completion slated before December 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pews – Dennis Dickos**

Dennis suggested purchasing an additional 20 chairs for a cost of \$326 per chair. George Pappaioanou moved to purchase an additional 20 chairs and to spend up to \$10,000. There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

### **Roof Insurance Claim- Tracy Pappas**

Tracy stated a portion of the insurance claim money was used for a different purpose and the insurance company is aware of this and has expressed their concerns.

Bob Dine noted that all roofing critical items were repaired by a qualified roofing contractor in a cost effective manner. Tracy suggested a third party roofing contractor look at the roof and review the insurance report and make their recommendation and report back their findings.

Julie Rowles moved to transfer \$10,275 from the building fund to the roof damage fund. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

### **Repairs-Iconostasion- Dennis Dickos**

Dennis reported the repair company (Weberding) will review the cracks when they are at their largest and will repair them at that time.

### **Sound System- Father Bill & Nick Saran**

Nick received a quote from ESCO Communications in the amount of \$105,000 for a new sound system and recommends presenting to the General Assembly for up to \$125,000 for the sound system. Nick said the current speaker quality is good; however, additional speakers are needed. ESCO will come to HTC on Monday, November 21, to setup a test sound system for evaluation.

Nick Saran moved to present to the General Assembly a request of \$125,000 for a new sound system paid for by fundraising. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

***Repairs-Uneven sidewalks & mold- Bob Dine***

Bob said John Serban looked over the sidewalks and will repair.

***Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine***

Bob presented a property inspection report with components rated from good to poor and repairs ranked from critical to necessary. The overall condition of the building is excellent to good. Estimates have been received and over the next ten years the Committee has proposed an estimated expense of \$770,000.

***GreekFest Report – Julie Rowlas & Tracy Pappas***

Tracy reported a net profit of \$31,169. Loss of revenue from parking, raffle, and Friday's storm contributed to the less than anticipated net profit. However, additional funds from the 2015 GreekFest resulted in the transfer of \$54,000 to HTC.

Gail Zeheralis moved to give \$2,700 to IOCC and \$2,700 to the Merciful Help Center. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

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

Irene reported a net profit of approximately \$1,800 and encouraged all Parish Council members to attend.

Nick Dervenis said the menu will include baklava at next month's event which will take place on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

***IOCC Fundraiser- Julie Rowlas & Nick Saran***

Julie said the fundraiser will take place on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and anticipates attendance of approximately 100 people. Julie stated the start time is 5 pm and encouraged everyone who is available to help with setup.

***Greek School – Father Bill***

Father Bill presented the 2016-2017 budget for Greek School and noted Greek School is almost a total self-funded organization with 18-20 students.

***Offering Baskets and Reserve Signs- Tracy Pappas***

Tracy Pappas said new collection trays and reserve signs are needed. Tracy will look online to see what options may be available and present her findings at next month's Parish Council meeting.

***Photocopier – Greg Dickos***

Greg reviewed photocopier proposals. Greg moved to accept the Canon IR ADV C7570i proposal without the 2-fold option at a monthly cost of \$528.50 which is slightly less than our current equipment. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

**Christmas Party – Tracy Pappas**

Tracy said this event will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by Philoptochos, Parish Council, and GOYA. Tracy asked for volunteers from the Parish Council. Nick Dervenis, Irene Sarris, and George Pappaioanou volunteered to assist.

**November 2016 General Assembly Agenda**

Nick Saran stated there was a small change in the budget line item which will be available for the General Assembly meeting. These number changes will be bolded. Parish Council elections will be included in the agenda.

**Next Meeting** – December 8th, 2016 at 6:30pm

**2016 Meetings** – 8 December

**2017 Meetings** – 19 January, 9 February, 9 March, 6 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December.

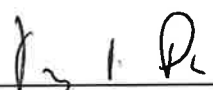
**Adjournment**

Dennis Dickos 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 8:30 p.m.

  
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Nick Dervenis, Secretary

12-8-16  
Date

  
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Tracy Pappas, President

12-8-16  
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Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

8 DECEMBER 2016  
Date