

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

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, September 8th at the Church. President Tracy Pappas called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. with Secretary Nick Dervenis present.

Clergy Present: Father Bill Bartz

Members Present: Matt Albean, Nick Dervenis, Dennis Dickos, Greg Dickos, Angelo Julovich, Steve Kollias, Tracy Pappas, Julie Rowlas, Nick Saran, Irene Sarris, Nick Sofianopolos, Gail Zeheralis

Members Absent: Bob Dine, George Pappaioanou

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the August 11th minutes

Gail Zeheralis made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the August 11th meeting with corrections." 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 September 8th as follows:

ASSETS:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 125,418.81
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 13,691.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 147,368.36
Schwab – Cash	\$ 125,997.37
PNC Building Fund	\$ 191,972.70
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 604,449.11</u>

LIABILITIES:

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

Details of Designated funds as of 8/31/16

Corner Sign-	\$6,100
Iconography-	\$46,637
Altar Cloths-	\$3,840
Altar Boy Robes-	\$2,000
Choir-	\$5,710
GOYA-	\$25,200
Missions-	\$12,400
Dance Troupe-	\$4,635
Leisure Timers-	\$290
Parking Expansion-	\$20,000
Savings-	\$20,000

Details of the Building Fund as of 8/31/16

Floor & Pews- \$272,260.26

Old Building CD-\$125,263

Roof Damage- \$8,016

Litigation Settlement- \$19,436.38

Building Donations- \$21,792.87

Floor & Pews Contributions as of 9/08/16

Pledged: \$645,402.18

Contributed: \$631,432.78

Balance: \$13,969.40

Changes:

Building Fund:

Certified Flooring- \$64,080 (Paid 9/08)

New Holland- \$185,422 (Holding for 2 weeks)

Gail Zeheralis 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.

There was a review of the 2017 budget. The 2017 budget will be submitted for final approval at the October Parish Council meeting.

Stewardship Committee Report

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 9/8/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	410
Total amount pledged to date	\$694,553.37
Total amount contributed to date	\$445,648.10
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$248,905.27

2015 Stewardship as of 9/3/15

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	397
Total amount pledged to date	\$645,850.30
Total amount contributed to date	\$419,451.31
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$226,398.99

2015 Stewardship as of 9/8/16

Total parishioners pledged	408
Total amount pledged	\$676,780.80
Total amount contributed	\$661,396.30
Total balance unpaid	\$15,384.50

Dennis stated Stewardship Sunday is October 2nd and asked for volunteers to help with setup for the lunch on October 1st. An insert focusing on Orthodox Missions will be highlighted in the next stewardship mailing along with a "To Do List" from the 2014 Parish survey, reflecting completion of the flooring and pews. Dennis said the Stewardship Committee did not meet this month.

Tracy Pappas shared 3 thank you letters received from the Traverse City parish for the recent donation of 322 red chairs, His Eminence Geron Archbishop Demetrios for the St. Nicholas Shrine donation, and Father Jarrod Russell.

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since our 11 August Parish Council meeting, there was one Great Vespers, two Divine Liturgies (one for the Dormition of the Theotokos and one for the Nativity of the Theotokos). There was one baptism, three pre-marriage sessions, and three funerals.

Our Festival at Holy Trinity Church (HTC) was another success. Even with a 90 minute closing on Friday beginning at 6:20 pm, our Parish rebounded magnificently after re-opening. Marika Bagios led her team and all volunteers to a well-organized and fun event. During Father Bill's interaction, visitors would tell him that GreekFest is a wonderful festival with a nice atmosphere, where people are friendly, the food is delicious, and the grounds are clean.

When the policeman closed the Festival, he announced that the Church was the primary location to seek shelter and the Founders' Walk is the secondary. This is the emergency protocol that was created by our Parish leadership. Most of the visitors went to the Founders' Walk and purchased pastries. Some did enter into the Church. It was most fortunate that HTC purchased the heavier cardboard to cover flooring of the Church.

Dean Maniakas strongly urges the Parish and Festival leadership to eliminate floor mats and tape on the Founders' Walk for the Festival. The floor is strong enough to withstand the normal foot traffic of the Festival patrons. The tape is extremely difficult to remove.

Saint George Church would like to use our loukoumada machine for their Festival. The Festival leadership said that they can only if the loukoumada machine remains on the pallet, no modifications are made to it, and Parish Council agrees.

Irene Sarris moved to allow St. George use of the machine. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

There was no policeman on Sunday, 21 August. None of the Parish Council members provided this information. Father Bill received it from a Parishioner who was asking where he was.

With our recent donation from the HTC Golf Outing in June 2016, HTC has the largest amount of donations than any other Parish in the Metropolis of Detroit.

On Wednesday, 31 August, Father Ciprian Streza, the Presiding Priest of Archangel Gabriel Church in Traverse City, Michigan, picked up 322 red chairs that were handpicked by Dean Maniakas, ensuring a nice quality of chair. Tim assisted in preparing them for pick up. Tony Filis assisted in loading them in the truck with the Festival forklift. The Traverse City Parish is most appreciative.

The pulpit remains in storage with a cost of \$35 per month. We hope to resolve this soon.

The Parish Council approved funding for the continental breakfast and a lunch of the Metropolis of Detroit Youth Worker Conference on 24 September. Jim Bagios has agreed to oversee this.

Discussions have begun with Dr Kordis about the details of Phase 3. After careful consideration, he determined that the icon of the Second Coming of Christ will not appear well on the ceiling and

walls of the outer Narthex. He is presenting other options. He is still planning on being at HTC on 15 January 2018.

Deacon Lucas Christensen's Report YOUTH MINISTRY:

GOYA

Senior & Junior- Theresa Dallas, Stephanie Anderson, & Leigh Ann Csubak met with Deacon Lucas on the evening of August 31st to discuss possibilities for a possible trip in May. Senior GOYA began the year with a pool party, which included election of officers. The advisors will be meeting on the 21st of September to discuss our Trunk & Treat as well as to follow up on the proposed trip.

HOPE/JOY - Wendy Mudis, Jim Belt, Doug & Annamaria Boggs met with Deacon Lucas on August 14th to discuss HOPE & JOY & to review the calendars for both. There will be a welcome meeting on the evening of September 24th to begin the new year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Church School - Angela Calliotte & Helen Young met with Deacon Lucas on August 12. With Father Bill's blessing, Deacon Lucas will be sitting in on each of the grade levels to learn more about our teachers' approaches. The Church School will hold its first classes on September 11th & teachers will have their fall meeting on the evening of September 12th. Angela & Helen are introducing a new program this year to give each class an icon which, by high school graduation, will comprise a series of twelve that may be collected in a box designed for the purpose.

Adult Education – Mike Young led the first sessions of the St. Paul Bible Study and the St. John Patristic Study on the 6th & 7th of September, respectively. The Bible study class is working through the Gospel according to St. John, & the Patristics class is reading Passions and Virtues by St. Paisios.

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. Anyone who works with youth, or is in a position of responsibility regarding youth work (e.g. Church School teachers, Parish Council members) is also encouraged to come even for part of the time (Particularly Eva Kokinos' presentation at 3:15 pm on Youth Protection)—no registration is required if only coming for part of the day & not eating lunch.

These past five weeks have gone by quickly—Deacon Lucas and his family continue to feel welcomed & embraced by the Holy Trinity community. The Festival was a remarkable opportunity for them to know the parishioners better, & to see how HTC pulls together to achieve a common goal. There have, regrettably, been many opportunities to learn the Funeral service, but Deacon Lucas also had the joy of assisting with a Baptism and, of course, the Sunday and weekday Divine Liturgies. We are all looking forward to the commencement of our youth and educational programs over the next week, & Deacon Lucas asks everyone's prayers as he prepares to receive Ordination to the sacred Priesthood by the hand of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, on September 18th.

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

LED Lighting for Iconography Update- Tony Filis

Tony reported via e-mail there was an issue with integrating the new LED system with the existing Lutron fluorescent /incandescent system. The two systems were not compatible. As a result, a new lumen touch pad controller was installed. There are 24 different lighting setting options with user friendly maneuverability. Huston Electric absorbed the additional costs with no additional costs to Holy Trinity. Tony reported this project is complete.

Update for new risers- Tony Filis

Tony reported via e-mail the riser construction is complete and ready for chair installation. They are solid with no hollow sound to them. Tony said Mike Hendricks did an outstanding job!

Flooring – Father Bill

Father Bill reported the fourth medallion arrived today and looks good. CJK Company has offered to make adjustments to the eagle medallion in the “spirit of harmony and teamwork” due to the harsh dark coloring of this medallion in comparison to the others. Discussion ensued.

Greg Dickos moved to accept the compromise with CJK Company to make these adjustments to the eagle medallion and to work closely with Father Bill. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Pews – Dennis Dickos

Dennis reported the pews are in the process of installation and will be completed by today. Dennis was pleased with Dave Beck and his company, New Holland. There is seating for approximately 520 which includes the excedras. The balance of the invoice will be paid in two weeks which will allow time to determine if there are any issues with the pew installation.

Visit by His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas on September 17 & 18- Father Bill

Father Bill stated dinner will take place at Meridian Hills on Saturday, September 17th at 6:00pm. Philoptochos will coordinate the reception on Sunday.

Roof Insurance Claim- Julie Rowlas

Julie will follow up with Kevin Perry and Tracy Pappas and will report her findings at next month's Parish Council meeting.

Repairs-Iconostasion- Dennis Dickos

Dennis reported the repair company (Weberding) will be on site later this month to inspect the cracks and make their recommendations. Weberding will also pick up the Altar Table that they loaned to us during the installation of the floor.

Software Update- Matt Albean

Matt stated the server installation is scheduled to take place on September 23rd with completion in one day. Matt does not anticipate any issues converting to the Shelby system.

Repairs-Uneven sidewalks & mold- Bob Dine

No Report.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine

No Report.

Old Risers- Bill Christoff

The risers were advertised for sale on July 29th. There were three inquiries received the following week with one offer to purchase from the choral department at Indiana State University. The offer was accepted and the risers were sold for \$1,800.

Greekfest 26-28 August 2016

Julie Rowlas said to take time to thank the booth chairs and Festival committee on another successful Greekfest!

Gyro Fundraiser- Nick Dervenis, Irene Sarris, Steve Kollias

Nick reported gyro night will take place on Thursday, October 6th from 5-8 pm with eat-in or carry-out options. An order will be placed with McFarland Foods for both food and paper items needed to prepare the gyros. Soft drinks and water will be sold as well. The purchase of a banner will be looked into to place on the Church grounds during the week of gyro night.

Ice Cream Social Update - Dennis Dickos

Dennis said ice cream will be provided by Baskin-Robbins with a variety of flavors and toppings. The ice cream will be served in the library. Coffee will still be offered along with water and lemonade.

Next Meeting – October 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm

2016 Meetings – 10 November, 8 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 Bill closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



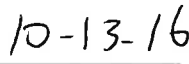
Nick Dervenis, Secretary



Date



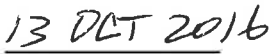
Tracy Pappas, President



Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest



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