

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
October 13, 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 6:30 p.m. with Secretary Nick Dervenis present.

Clergy Present: Father Bill Bartz Father Lucas Christensen

Members Present: Nick Dervenis, Dennis Dickos, Angelo Julovich, Steve Kollias, George Pappaioanou, Tracy Pappas, Nick Saran, Irene Sarris, Gail Zeheralis (Via Teleconference)

Members Absent: Matthew Albean, Greg Dickos, Bob Dine, Julie Rowlas, Nick Sofianopoulos

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the September 8th minutes

George Pappaioanou made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the September 8th 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 October 13th as follows:

ASSETS:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 116,942.37
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 19,983.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 106,252.44
Schwab – Cash	\$ 125,997.37
PNC Building Fund	\$ 192,820.25
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 561,996.30</u>

LIABILITIES:

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

Details of Designated funds as of 9/30/16

Corner Sign-	\$6,100
Iconography-	\$46,637
Altar Cloths-	\$3,840
Altar Boy Robes-	\$2,000
Choir-	\$6,492
GOYA-	\$26,136
Missions-	\$14,794
Dance Troupe-	\$5,260
Leisure Timers-	\$290
Parking Expansion-	\$20,000
Savings-	\$20,000

Details of the Building Fund as of 9/30/16

Floor & Pews- \$16,152
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:

Building Fund:
Certified Flooring- \$64,080 (Paid 9/08)
New Holland- \$185,422
Commercial Work/Storage \$1,199
Vacuum \$727
Medallion return shipping \$99

Designated Account:

Huston Electric \$46,494

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.

There was a review of the 2017 budget presented by Nick Saran. The only change was adjusting an amount of \$10,000 from the deferred major capital items line 71031 and placing it in a potential for overtime that may be incurred. This was done due to the federal law change regarding overtime for hourly employees for 2017.

Steve Kollias moved to accept the amended 2017 budget. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Nick Saran thanked Nick Sofianopoulos for his work on the 2017 budget.

Stewardship Committee Report

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 10/11/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	416
Total amount pledged to date	\$698,586.27
Total amount contributed to date	\$505,023.26
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$193,563.01

2015 Stewardship as of 10/08/15

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	400
Total amount pledged to date	\$651,785.34
Total amount contributed to date	\$472,071.39
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$179,713.95

2017 Stewardship as of 10/11/16

Total parishioners pledged	119
Total amount pledged	\$328,971.00
Total amount contributed	\$1,195.00
Total balance unpaid	\$327,776.00

Dennis noted Stewardship Sunday attendance was down from previous years. Dennis stated \$3,300 was spent for the lunch from Maggiano's which will be split between Parish Council and Stewardship Committee. Although attendance was less than in the past, the event was enjoyed by the parishioners. The Stewardship committee is beginning to plan the 2018 campaign.

Father Bill said that financial statements would be mailed to the parishioners in November reminding parishioners to fulfill their stewardship commitments.

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since our 8 September Parish Council meeting, there was one Vespers Liturgy, five Divine Liturgies, enabling Father Lucas to become more comfortable, one Baptism, one confession, one wedding, and three funerals. There were also four pre-marriage sessions.

The annual Parish Organizational Fair occurred on the first Sunday of our Church School, 11 September. All organizations of the Parish were represented, enabling the Parishioners to interact with a leader of each organization and sign up to participate.

On Saturday, 17 September, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas along with Deacon Alex Radulescu visited Holy Trinity Church (HTC) with the recently installed flooring and seating. His Eminence was clearly awed by its transformation, describing the Church as "exquisite". The gathering at the Meridian Hills Country Club before dinner provided Father Lucas, his family, and the Parish Council the opportunity to interact with His Eminence and each other. The meal was delicious, adding to the delightful evening. Julie Rowles, our Parish Council Vice-President, addressed His Eminence beautifully, conveying to His Eminence the gratitude of HTC for his guidance and the goodness of our Parish. Father Lucas also expressed his deep gratitude for his assignment to HTC and the kindness of the Parish Council. His Eminence then stated that he is very pleased with HTC, its direction, and its growth.

The ordination of Father Lucas was a special day for Father Lucas, but it was also very memorable for HTC. We prayed together, celebrated together, and gave thanks together. Our HTC community was honored to host the ordination, witnessing this powerful Sacrament and proclaiming AXIOS. The Philoptochos led the effort of the beautiful reception afterwards with the assistance of the Parish Council. Father Bill was extremely proud of our Parish on this day.

During his visit, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas approved Phase 3 of the iconography for the inner and outer Narthex. Dr Kordis still plans to begin Phase 3 of the iconography at HTC on 15 January 2018.

HTC hosted the Metropolis Youth Worker Seminar. Jim Bagios coordinated the efforts in the kitchen, thereby offering a nice continental breakfast and a delicious lunch. Eva Kokinos Kostantakos extended her gratitude to HTC for our hospitality. On the next day, Sunday, Eva accepted the invitation of preach and offered a dynamic sermon with many Parishioners expressing their appreciation.

On Monday, 26 September, His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico along with his Chancellor, Father Damian, drove from Chicago and visited HTC with the intention of evaluating

our iconostasion and submitting a bid for the large furniture. This opportunity was presented to HTC after a phone call to Father Alex Karloutsis, asking about possibilities of a woodcraftsman who could create similar work to our existing iconostasis. After seeing our entire complex, taking photos, and getting the specifications of the large furniture items, HTC hosted them for lunch at Stone Creek Restaurant.

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

An email was sent to the leaders of HTC reminding them that the end of September was approaching and a donation had not been made to the Friends of the Metropolis. Eight of the Parish Council members had not yet contributed. One immediately rectified. Seven of us have not yet contributed.

Emily and Father Bill are traveling to Ohio on three separate occasions.

The first is for the 50th Anniversary of the Parish in which Father Bill was an Assistant Priest for two and a half years, departing Carmel on Friday, 21 October, and returning late on Sunday, 23 October. Father Lucas may be alone on this Sunday.

The second trip is for the 100th Anniversary of his home Parish of which Father Bill's father was the Presiding Priest for 38 years. They depart on Friday, 4 November, and return late on Sunday, 6 November. Father Radoslav will be at HTC on 6 November to assist Father Lucas.

Father Bill's immediate family will be visiting between 7 – 13 November and Father Bill will be taking some days off to be with them.

The third trip is for the Thanksgiving holiday when Father Bill and Emily are departing Carmel on Wednesday, 23 November, and returning on Friday, 25 November.

Deacon Lucas Christensen's Report

YOUTH MINISTRY:

GOYA held their first **Orthodox Life** session of the year with Paul 'Whitey' Kapsalis on Sunday Sept. 25. Kapsalis spoke about principals of success, with a refreshing story of his time playing for IU soccer. Attendance was strong, with 32 GOYAnS & 14 adults.

The **Crop Walk** was held on Sunday October 2, with 9 GOYAnS & their parents participating. The related **Food Drive**, held on 9/25 & 10/2 raised \$235 & a cart full of Food.

The GOYA **Basketball** season began this past Sunday, Oct. 9 with around 20 GOYAnS at practice. The 2017 Dayton Basketball Tournament is scheduled for February 17-19; we have a total of 37 currently registered.

GOYA will be hosting **Trunk & Treat** followed by a Dance on Saturday Oct. 29. All Orthodox youth are invited to participate, & flyers are being circulated to the other parishes in the city.

Concurrent **Bonfires** will be held on Saturday Nov. 5. The Jr. GOYA will be at Jim & Martha Pappas's home, & the Sr. GOYA will be at Nick & Tracy Pappas's home.

Chicago Trip surveys were given to the GOYAnS to gauge their interest for summer 2017. The survey results demonstrated an overwhelming interest in Chicago as the destination, & allowed the GOYAnS to express their preferred activities while in the city. The advisors are still working out optimal dates, balancing the calendar against cost.

HOPE & JOY –

HOPE & JOY held a **Welcome Meeting** on the evening of Sunday September 24 with a getting-to-know-you craft project.

Last Friday, October 7, we had a **Bonfire & Hayride** at Eagle Creek Park which was very well attended.

JOY will be working with the 'Kids Coats' program as their **Service Project** on Saturday, November 5.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Church School – The most recent registration figure indicates we have 110 students registered, consistent with previous years' enrollments.

Adult Education – There will be presentations on three major facets of the **Living Tradition** of our Orthodox Faith on October 26, November 2, & 16. We will be discussing the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Fathers, & Worship and the Liturgical Arts. The goal is for these presentations to be interactive—to present our Tradition not as a museum piece, but as a breathing, present way of life in which all the faithful participate

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT:

Youth Workers' Conference - Holy Trinity hosted the Metropolis of Detroit Youth Workers' Conference on Saturday, September 24. There was strong attendance by Holy Trinity Parishioners, and some additional attendees from other parishes. Father James Honeycutt presented on the present cultural context, & our own Eva Konstantakos presented on the Youth Protection policy she is helping to develop for the Archdiocese.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

This past month saw one of the most significant events of my life: my ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Since before we left for seminary in 2013, it had been my hope to return to Holy Trinity for my ordination. I never expected it would not only happen, but that it would happen as Holy Trinity's Assistant Priest! The weekend was beautiful, my family & friends were all welcomed & embraced by the Holy Trinity community, & the prayers offered by the faithful on my behalf were palpable. As I continue to grow into this sacred office, I am reminded—daily—of what a blessing it is to learn by serving this community. This is a profoundly busy time, but the sense of grace, of peace, & of joy pervade it all.

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

Flooring – Father Bill

Father Bill reported the eagle medallion is to arrive on October 14th. The punch list will be worked on along with the completion of the eagle medallion and baptismal area. Certain areas still need grouting. Bob Dine continues to supervise the project. Father Bill said there is still a balance of \$87,500 needed for the costs of the flooring and pews project.

Pews – Dennis Dickos

Dennis said feedback received from parishioners has been positive and the pews are comfortable with no issues noted. Dennis expressed satisfaction with New Holland and the contact person, Dave Beck. HTC is grateful to Tim Bryant, Rick Watson, and Dean Maniakos for their help in the clean up and getting the Church ready for Divine Services on Sunday.

Dennis recommends purchasing an additional 20 chairs and will obtain a price quote from New Holland.

Offering Baskets and Reserve Signs- Father Bill

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.

Roof Insurance Claim- Tracy Pappas

Tracy said both her and Julie Rowlas met with Kevin Perry to review the original roof report. Tracy recommended we should rely on Kevin's guidance and expertise in the insurance industry. Tracy stated we may need to payout more to satisfy the insurance company. She will report back any findings at next month's meeting.

Repairs-Iconostasion- Dennis Dickos

Dennis reported the woodcraft company (Weberding) can repair the cracks in the iconostasion. They indicated the cracks are fixable and not unusual in nature.

Software Update- Matt Albean

Father Bill offered a report from Matt Albean, stating that Bill Perdue completed the server installation last month. The transition was smooth.

HTC Wetlands- Tracy Pappas

Tracy said after speaking with the City of Carmel and informing them of the wetlands designation that she has not heard back from them. After meeting with Kristina Tridico, an environmental attorney, Tracy recommends meeting with an engineering consulting firm to determine if the land is still considered wetlands and options that may be available after the determination.

Nick Saran moved to allot up to \$4,000 to hire an engineering consulting firm to make the wetlands determination and also complete additional work if it is determined. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Sound System- Father Bill

Father Bill met with an advisor who suggested placement of speakers in certain strategic locations to enhance acoustics. Father Bill also met with ESCO Communications who gave data showing what they could do to enhance the sound system. Father Bill, Nick Saran, and Dean Maniakos will meet with companies to review the sound system and options and will present the bids.

Repairs-Uneven sidewalks & mold- Bob Dine

No Report.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine

No Report.

Old Risers- Bill Christoff

The risers were picked up by Indiana State University on Sunday, September 25th.

Greekfest 26-28 August 2016

Father Bill reported the anticipated net profit for Greekfest will be approximately \$50,000. Final numbers will be available at the next parish council meeting.

Gyro Fundraiser- Nick Dervenis, Irene Sarris, Steve Kollias

Irene reported a net profit of approximately \$1,900. The profits were enhanced due to donations from Jim Bagios, George Stergiopoulos, Steve Kollias, George Catavolos, and Nick Dervenis. There was a good mix of parishioners and non-parishioners and the committee is looking at the possibly of adding greek fries and baklava. The next Gyro Night is Thursday, November 3rd from 5-8:00pm.

IOCC Fundraiser- Nick Saran

Nick Saran said the date for the IOCC fundraiser is Sunday, November 13 and the event will feature a barbecue with favorites such as pulled pork, sliders, and a macaroni and cheese bar.

November 2016 General Assembly Agenda

The agenda for next month's General Assembly was reviewed. Nick Dervenis moved to accept the agenda as presented. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Miscellaneous

Gail Zeheralis stated the historical sign at the site of our original location on 10th Street has our previous address on 40th and Penn. The sign can be changed with our current address. The present changes cost about \$2,200, however this may increase in 2017. There is a process involved and Gail has volunteered to the lead on this initiative.

Next Meeting – November 10th, 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


George Pappaioanou made a motion. "I move to adjourn the meeting." There was a second to the motion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Father Lucas closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Nick Dervenis, Secretary

11-10-16
Date



Tracy Pappas, President

11-10-16
Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

10 NOV 2016
Date

