

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
January 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (HTC) was held on Thursday, January 19th, 2017 at the Church. President Tracy Pappas called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with Secretary Nick Dervenis present.

**Clergy Present:** Father Bill Bartz, Father Lucas Christensen

**Members Present:** Nick Dervenis, Dennis Dickos, Bob Dine, Anthony Eleftheri, Angelo Julovich, Leon Pappas, Tracy Pappas, Nick Saran, Irene Sarris, Nick Sofianopoulos, Gail Zeheralis

**Members Absent:** Greg Dickos, Steve Kollias, Julie Rowlas

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Approval of the December 8th minutes**

Irene Sarris made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the December 8th meeting." There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

**Approval of the January 15<sup>th</sup> minutes**

Nick Saran made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting." There was a second to the motion. There was 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 January 19th as follows:

**ASSETS:**

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 179,534.43
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 19,933.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 204,537.42
Schwab – Cash	\$ 125,985.86
PNC Building Fund	\$ 211,697.71
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 741,689.29</u>

**LIABILITIES:**

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

**Details of Designated funds as of 12/31/16**

Corner Sign- \$6,100  
Iconography- \$143.51 (Paid dome lighting \$46,493.68)  
Altar Cloths- \$3,840  
Altar Boy Robes- \$2,000  
Choir- \$9,201.62  
GOYA- \$31,851.57  
Missions- \$17,720  
Dance Troupe-\$5,260

Joy- \$900  
Hope- \$325  
REAL- \$400  
Sound System Donation \$2,705  
Phase 3 Iconography \$63,202  
Leisure Timers-\$290  
Parking Expansion-\$20,000  
Savings- \$20,000

Details of the Building Fund as of 12/31/16

Floor & Pews- \$36,669.07  
Old Building CD-\$125,263  
Roof Damage- \$18,291  
Litigation Settlement- \$19,436  
Building Donations- \$11,518

Floor & Pews Contributions as of 1/19/17

Pledged: \$702,377.18  
Contributed: \$691,907.78  
Balance: \$10,469.40

**Changes:**

Operating Acct:

Received Greek Festival Rent \$20,000 and reimbursement of Merciful Help & IOCC \$5,400  
All other was year-end catch up in Stewardship, Holiday Offerings (\$7,760 in Dec)

Designated Acct:

Phase 3 donations to date total \$84,000

Schwab Acct:

Transfer stock for stewardship and Phase 3 Iconography

Building Fund:

Received \$54,000 in Building Pews and Flooring donations

**All money allocated for the “deferred maintenance” will be transferred by end of Jan 2017**

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.

**Finance Committee personnel recommendation**

Nick Saran reported Parish Council is considering a full-time position who will primarily assist Cindy Watson in learning and understanding her position of the financial bookkeeper.

Dennis Dickos moved to hire a full-time employee for the financial bookkeeper. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

**Stewardship Committee Report**

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2017 Stewardship as of 1/19/17	
Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	252
Total amount pledged to date	\$554,671.46
Total amount contributed to date	\$65,964.10
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$488,707.36
2016 Stewardship as of 1/21/16	
Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	263
Total amount pledged to date	\$561,955.00
Total amount contributed to date	\$56,762.90
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$505,192.10
2016 Stewardship as of 1/9/17	
Total parishioners pledged	424
Total amount pledged	\$714,574.25
Total amount contributed	\$667,606.74
Total balance unpaid	\$46,967.51

Dennis stated letters were mailed out today to parishioners who have not completed their 2016 stewardship commitment. Dennis reported 93% of parishioners have completed their 2016 commitments. Letters were also mailed out today to parishioners who have not yet returned a Stewardship Commitment Card for 2017. A new stewardship folder is in the process of being designed for 2018.

## **Clergy Reports**

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

Father Bill reviewed the Archdiocese Regulations Part 1 with the Parish Council.

Since our 8 December Parish Council meeting, two Vespereal Liturgies were celebrated and one Confession. There was one house blessing and two funerals. There were also four pre-marriage sessions, a meeting to prepare a person for Chrismation, and more than 20 visits to those who are unable to travel to Church.

Our annual Parish Christmas Party was another success with more than 250 people attending. This is our largest annual social event of the year. Once again, Tracy and her team coordinated a magnificent evening for the Parish. Well done to Tracy!

The HTC Staff enjoyed a lunch together before Christmas and expressed their appreciation for the Christmas bonuses.

The high school students from Second Presbyterian Church visited HTC for a Sunday Divine Liturgy and Father Lucas spoke with them after the Divine Services.

The Vasilopita Lunch is another annual event, enabling our Parish to gather, enjoy a meal together, and celebrate our community. Philoptochos coordinated another magnificent meal with 143 participating.

Father Bill's regular meetings with Vivian of Montessori seem to facilitate good working relations between Montessori and HTC.

Steve Kavroulakis, the woodcraftsman from Crete, has submitted a book of his work with a sample of the color of the wood for the large furniture.

The pulpit remains in storage at a cost of \$35 per month. Tony Filis will have the pulpit delivered to HTC and Mike Hendricks will reduce the size of the platform.

Emily and Father Bill traveled to Washington, DC for the annual Endorsing Agents Conferences for both military and institutional Chaplaincy, departing on Thursday, 5 January, and returning on Thursday, 12 January 2017. Father Bill represented the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the United States and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, respectively.

Emily and Father Bill will travel to Akron, Ohio for his mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, departing on Friday, 20 January, and returning on Monday, 23 January 2017. Father Lucas will celebrate the Divine Services with Father Radoslav concelebrating and assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion.

### **Father Lucas Christensen's Report YOUTH MINISTRY:**

REAL –

We held our second annual **College Student Dinner** at Matt the Miller's Tavern on January 4th with 5 students attending.

The Young Adults will hold a **Potluck** at Georgianna Pappas's home on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

GOYA –

Jr. GOYA will be making **Knot Blankets** for Riley Children's Hospital from February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Junior & Senior GOYA will be holding parallel **Orthodox Life** sessions on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 2pm.

At the **Jr. GOYA Soup Kitchen** on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 Junior & 1 Senior GOYAn attended.

At the Parish **Christmas Party** on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 15 Junior & 25 Senior GOYAns assisted.

On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 6 Junior & 7 Senior GOYAns went **Christmas Caroling** at our parishioners' assisted living communities. Afterward, the Emmanoelides family hosted hot chocolate.

HOPE & JOY –

JOY will be playing 'laser tag' at **Laser Flash** in Carmel this Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

HOPE will be going to Action Duckpin Bowl in Indianapolis for **Duckpin Bowling** on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

*Church School –*

Our students contributed \$150 for the **St. Basil's Academy Fundraiser**.

*Adult Education –*

A series of three **Orthodox Faith talks** with topics that were taken from fall-lecture survey results will begin on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, exploring Orthodox Christian spirituality. On February 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> the Church's teaching on current moral issues will be discussed.

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

### **HTC Wetlands – Tracy Pappas**

Tracy reported the HTC Wetlands delineation was completed recently by the engineering firm of Cardno. It was determined the wetlands have grown. It was also determined that the sidewalk next to the wetlands is too low and needs to be elevated with proper drainage installed under the sidewalk. Discussion ensued. Bob Dine suggested a meeting with the City of Carmel engineers along with Cardno to discuss options to best solve the issue.

### **Flooring – Bob Dine**

Bob stated the final punch list has been completed. Bob reported a final billing balance of \$10,469.40. Bob expressed thanks to Tim Bryant and Dean Maniakas for an outstanding job of cleaning the floors. Bob was pleased to report Certified Flooring will feature our flooring project in their national publication.

### **Cleaning Equipment- Bob Dine**

Bob met with Tony Filis to discuss floor cleaning equipment which would better suit our needs. Tony, Tim Bryant, and Dean Maniakas agreed on the equipment that is needed. Bids were received for all floor cleaning equipment in the amount of \$7,399.22. Bob moved to purchase the equipment: a traction-drive auto scrubber, a HEPA upright vacuum and buffer pads up to \$7,500. 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**

No Report.

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

Dennis spoke with Dean Maniakas who recommended we hold off on any repairs at this time as it was determined the cracks are currently not large enough for repair.

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

Nick Saran stated HTC is awaiting a proposal from a second company, Acme Event Audio, to compare with ESCO Communications. Nick said Acme will provide a demonstration and will present his findings and next month's meeting.

### **Repairs- Mold- Bob Dine**

No Report.

### **10 Year Plan- Bob Dine**

Bob Dine acknowledged Leon Pappas' HVAC expertise and together will present a cash-flow analysis during a future meeting.

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

Nick Dervenis reported next month's Gyro Night as Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be a Church tour conducted at 6:30 pm as people who have attended previous Gyro Nights have expressed interest in seeing more of the Church. Yard signs were discussed as an option if the Gyro Night banner is unable to be displayed.

**Montessori- Gail Zeheralis**

Gail reported Vivian has signed her contract with a 5% increase. This will continue Montessori at HTC thru the end of school year, May 2017.

**Collection trays & Reserve signs- Tracy Pappas**

Tracy said Julie Rowles has located possible collection trays and will present her findings at next month's meeting.

**Photocopier Report- Greg Dickos**

Father Bill said installation took place on December 21<sup>st</sup> and Office Staff training has been completed with no issues noted.

**Phase 3 Iconography- Father Bill**

Father Bill said the fundraising project is progressing well. He presented information for the working visa from the lawyer who represents Dr Kordis. The estimated cost of the visa for Dr. Kordis and his team would be approximately \$5,000. HTC will explore the possibility of the cost being shared with others if Dr. Kordis has other projects in the United States during this time.

**Christmas Party – Tracy Pappas**

Tracy reported a net profit of \$671.22 with 256 reservations made. Tracy recommends donating the profits to IOCC and Merciful Help Center and will discuss these options with Philoptochos.

**Volleyball Court/Ping Pong Table- Father Bill**

Father Bill said indoor volleyball equipment and ping-pong tables were offered to HTC. However, due to the lack of storage space, it was determined to decline the offer.

**Notable Priests Photographs- Father Bill**

Father Bill said a proposal has been received to frame and hang pictures of the previous nine Priests who have served HTC and have not been laicized. This project would cost approximately \$700.

Bob Dine moved to pay up to \$700 for this project. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

**Inappropriate Church Behavior- Father Bill**

Father Bill said inappropriate behavior was displayed recently by visitors during Divine Services. He stated distractions such as these should be addressed by Parish Council members, if they are seen or brought to their attention.

**Kinetrex- Tracy Pappas**

Tracy said this company was recommended by a Parishioner for the possible opportunity to lower natural gas heating bills by up to 30%. Leon Pappas will take the lead to reach out to Kinetrex Energy and discuss options which may be available.

**Next Meeting – February 9, 2017 at 6:30pm**

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

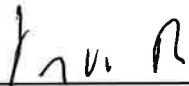
**Adjournment**

Nick Saran 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 9:05 p.m.

  
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Nick Dervenis, Secretary

2-9-17  
Date

  
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Tracy Pappas, President

2-9-17  
Date

  
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Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

9 FEB 2017  
Date

