

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
April 14, 2016

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, April 14, 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 Jarrod Russell

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

Members Absent: Nick Sofianopolos

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the March 10th minutes

Matt Albean made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the March 10 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 April 14, 2016 as follows:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 205,207.70
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 16,841.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 149,011.05
Schwab – Cash	\$ 118,739.18
PNC Building Fund	\$ 502,325.79
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 992,125.59</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Nick Saran asked about transferring monies from the Schwab account to a different account which may pay a higher yield. Nick will check into options which may be available.

Dennis Dickos 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.

Finance Committee Report

Nick Saran will meet with two accounting firms on April 21st to discuss best practice and auditing options available to the Parish.

Stewardship Committee Report

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 4/12/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	369
Total amount pledged to date	\$653,841.30
Total amount contributed to date	\$231,300.08
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$422,541.22

Comparison: 2015 Stewardship on 4/16/15

Total parishioners pledged	358
Total amount pledged	\$596,504.00
Total amount contributed	\$218,351.65
Total balance unpaid	\$378,152.35

2015 Stewardship as of 4/12/16

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	408
Total amount pledged to date	\$676,780.80
Total amount contributed to date	\$661,171.30
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$ 15,609.50

Dennis reported the same Stewardship folders that were used the previous year will be used next year. Former stewards from 2014 and 2015 who have not yet pledged this year have been divided among the Stewardship Committee to contact. Stewardship Sunday is October 2nd and all should place this date on our calendars to attend.

Father Jarrod reported the Jeep was recently serviced and the service dealer recommended a few minor maintenance items that need addressed. Dennis Dickos moved to pay maintenance expenses on the Jeep up to \$150. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Dennis Dickos moved to allow the Finance Committee to look into purchasing a newer vehicle for Father Jarrod due to the Jeep's age and an assortment of mechanical issues the vehicle has. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since our 10 March 2016 Parish Council meeting, there have been one Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy, one Vespers Liturgy for the Annunciation of our Lord, five Pre-Sanctified Liturgies, four Salutations to the Theotokos Services, and 15 Confessions. The Great Lent began on 14 March and, on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Great Vespers was celebrated by the clergy and laity of the Central Indiana Orthodox Churches at Saint George Church with His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel (OCA Romanian Church) presiding.

There was one house blessing and ten visitations. Four 90 minute pre-marriage sessions were conducted. Four tours of Holy Trinity Church (HTC) were offered.

Father Bill attended the Retreat with the Central Indiana Orthodox Clergy. His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel was the Retreat Leader.

Father Jarrod and Father Bill attended the U.S. Global Leadership Forum at the Conrad Indianapolis with the guest speakers Representative Susan Brooks, LtGen Carol Mutter USMC, Ret, and Bill Lane, CEO of Caterpillar.

The spring General Assembly approved all items on the Agenda, of which included LED Lighting for parking lot, LED lighting for the iconography in the dome and three main icons in the Nave, Phase 3 of the iconography, and two Bylaws changes. The success of the General Assemblies is manifested by the respectful discussions, the pleasant atmosphere, the good order, and the unanimous or near unanimous decisions. The strong leadership and the transparency of the Parish Council significantly contribute to this success. The Parish Council also learned that they must be vigilant in allowing only Stewards in good standing to sign, vote, and participate in the General Assembly.

The annual Greek Independence Day program by our Greek School was held on Saturday afternoon, 19 March.

HTC hosted the Oratorical Festival for the Central District of the Metropolis of Detroit. Chairman Nick Pappas coordinated a well-planned and very successful event, which again presented HTC in a very positive manner to our guests from different parishes.

Vivian of Montessori has been meeting with Father Bill regularly, clearly enhancing the working relationship between Montessori and HTC. Both Staffs are pleased.

After considering various factors, the existing outreach has been identified for HTC to help those outside of our community and partner with another existing agency.

Father Jarrod Russell's Report

Religious Education:

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, the Church School visit to the Preschool class occurred. Marsha Mendakis and Toni Lafter taught the class. There were six children present and one parent. It was an impressive lesson the included a short video, reading a story to the children, and concluded with a photograph of the children and the Priest.

With the visit to the Preschool class, all the Church School classes have been visited once. The plan is to conduct second visits to the High School and Junior High School classes.

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, the second visit to the High School class occurred. Andrea Pappas and Mike Hendricks taught the class that day. The students had sent questions earlier that were addressed in the class. The students were engaged with the discussion. The next Church School visit will occur on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, Father Jarrod directed the St. Paul Bible Study because Michael Young was out of town. Approximately twelve people attended, and the discussion focused on the ninth chapter of the Gospel According to St. John.

Youth Ministry Events:

On Saturday, April 9, 2016, Holy Trinity hosted the Metropolis of Detroit Central District Oratorical Festival. Nick Pappas chaired a committee that also included Kristina Tridico, Niki Martine, and

Kevin Perry. Jim Bagios and his mother Soula prepared the delicious meal. There were five senior division participants and seven junior division participants. Holy Trinity had two participants in each division (four total), and two participants advanced to the Metropolis finals in the Detroit area on May 14, 2016. Those two students are Victoria Martine in the Senior Division and Nathaniel Martine in the Junior Division. Elizabeth Martine and Emily Neuendorf participated and were also recognized for their outstanding work. Among the fifty plus people present that day were families from Cincinnati, Lexington, and Dayton, and they conveyed many positive comments about the event.

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, the Sr. and Jr. GOYA conducted a Lunch Fundraiser in conjunction with the General Assembly.

On Saturday, April 2, 2016, the Jr. GOYA conducted a service event at the Lord's Pantry at Anna's House. This is an impressive operation next to Downtown Indianapolis that, among other things, serves as a food pantry for the less fortunate on Saturdays. There were 8 youth, and 5 adults. For an early Saturday morning, it was very well attended and a good learning experience for our youth.

A HOPE/JOY meeting occurred on Sunday, March 20, 2016 in the Church, demonstrating of how the gifts are prepared for Holy Communion. A prosforo was used to show the children how the bread is cut, the prayers were described, and the arrangement of the gifts on the paten occurred. The children were very engaged by the demonstration, along with many of the parents present. Approximately 18 children and 10 parents were present.

On Sunday, April 3, 2016, a meeting of the Senior and Junior GOYA advisors to plan the 2016-17 year for the youth occurred.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship:

On Sunday, March 20, 2016, the IUPUI OCF met at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church for the Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy. The photograph of the OCF with Archbishop Nathaniel included nine college students and the three clergymen who assist with the IUPUI OCF. It was by all accounts a successful event.

The IUPUI OCF met on Wednesday, April 6 with three students and one faculty member. The discussion centered on the Holy Week Services, with an emphasis on the Bridegroom Services.

REAL:

The first meeting with two young married couples to discuss starting a small group for young married couples occurred on April 6 and was very successful. Both couples were very interested and excited about the small group. A second meeting with a third couple is scheduled for April 21.

Metropolis Youth Events:

The telephone conference for the Metropolis Central and Southern District Youth Events mentioned in prior reports has now been postponed until after Pascha.

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

Flooring – Bob Dine

Bob stated the flooring contract has been signed at \$400,000. Bob recommended a 10% contingency to be held for unanticipated expenses. Bob reported that Chris Kimages has made recommendations on the solea steps and baptismal area. Bob said the flooring invoice will be paid on a draw basis. Bob projected a start date of June 6th with completion by the second week of August. Bob stated volunteers will be needed to help move items and there will be moisture tests conducted over the next few weeks inside the Church.

Pews – Dennis Dickos

Dennis said making the risers for the choir area will allow for 31 chairs and an area in the Nave must be designated as handicap seating. Dennis will work with Father Bill, Tony Filis, and an interior decorator to help with color of the stain for the pews.

Lighting for Iconography—Father Bill

Father Bill reported the lighting is set to be begin in May prior to the the flooring project.

Building Fund Plaque

Father Bill stated the brilliance of two of the plaques is not consistent with the remaining plaques and will be returned to the Bardach Company to re-tint.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine

Bob Dine identified the Committee individuals as: Vaino Ajango, Leon Pappas, George Baroudas, Tony Filis, and Tim Bryant. Bob will lead this initiative.

Repairs – Iconostasion – Dennis Dickos

Dennis reported cracks on the icon screen which may be due to humidity. Dennis will ask the company which completed the work to return to inspect and repair. Dennis will negotiate pricing and make recommendations after flooring is installed. Dennis pointed out the icon screen was installed 5 years ago and he will donate the funds to the Church for the repair costs.

George Pappaioanou moved to repair the cracks on the icon screen. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was passed.

Repairs-uneven sidewalks & mold—Bob Dine

Bob recommended grinding the uneven sidewalks. Bob recommended spacers to be used between the plaques and the wall and to use stainless steel screws to reattach the plaques. Bob said the extent of the mold will not be known until the plaques are removed.

Refrigerators & Can Opener

Bob Dine stated the refrigerator has been installed and in operational order.

Old Risers--Father Bill

Father Bill received from the Choir suggested options for the use of the current risers. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that storage space would be challenging to find. New choir risers will comprise of 31 seats plus 2 wheel chair locations. The 7 chairs in the center will be portable. New Holland will provide information about the material that will be best suited for both seating and risers. Discussion ensued regarding metal or wood frames for the risers. Although metal is stronger, wood is quieter. The contractor recommended wood.

Software Proposal—Father Bill

Father Bill reported the Shelby upgrade (Shelby Next) is not an upgrade from Shelby 5 which the Office Staff is currently using. Father Bill said Shelby Next is customer reportable, but cannot create required reports for Parish needs. The Office Staff recommends staying with Shelby 5. The Staff requests to attend a training webinar for Shelby 5. Our IT contact, Bill Perdue, recommended to remove Rackspace and use Google Drive and a server. Rackspace is expensive and eliminating Rackspace will provide a potential savings of over \$5,000 annually. Discussion ensued. It was determined to wait until meetings with the accounting firms are complete before spending money on webinar training to see what options these firms may recommend.

Greekfest Aug 26th-28th—Julie Rowlas

Julie stated the Parish Council oversees the Festival officers and any decisions the officers make. Julie moved to approve the following officers: Marika Bagios – President; Mike Hendricks- Vice-President; Tony Filis – Secretary; and Steve Young- Treasurer. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The officers were approved.

Julie said there will be a drive thru which will be new to this year’s Festival and will be discussed further at a later time.

Tracy Pappas presented the suggestion that the Festival Officers use a designated credit card for festival expenses. Steve Kollias moved to open a credit card to be used for Festival purposes. There was a second to the motion. There was opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was passed.

Clergy Laity

Tracy Pappas and Bob Dine will be attending the Clergy Laity which will take place in Nashville, TN on July 3-8th.

Miscellaneous

Gail Zeheralis reported that \$4,212.34 is owed for the refund on the GOYA grant.

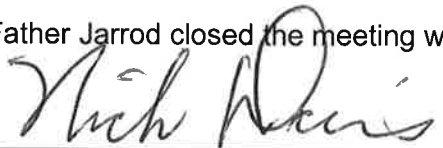
Next Meeting – May 12, 2016

2016 Meetings – 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December

Adjournment

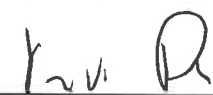
Gail Zeheralis made a motion. “I move to adjourn the meeting.” There was a second to the motion. There was an opportunity for discussion. A vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Father Jarrod closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Nick Dervenis, Secretary

5-12-16
Date



Tracy Pappas, President

5-12-16
Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

12 MAY 2016
Date