

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
February 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was held on Thursday, February 11, 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, Angelo Julovich, Steve Kollias, Tracy Pappas, Julie Rowlas, Irene Sarris, Nick Sofianopolos, Gail Zeheralis

**Members Absent:** Bob Dine, George Pappaioanou, Nick Saran

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Approval of the January 21 minutes**

Irene Sarris made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the January 21 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 Sofianopolos presented the Treasurer's report including an overview of the balance sheet as of February 11, 2015 as follows:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 197,370.59
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 21,797.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 215,510.97
Schwab – Cash	\$ 115,385.13
PNC Building Fund	\$ 475,789.82
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,025,854.38</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

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.

**Finance Committee Report**

Gift of stock was discussed. Discussion ensued with the committee looking into different options. Bringing in an outside accounting firm to review accounting procedures was discussed.

**Stewardship Committee Report**

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 12/09/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	292
Total amount pledged to date	\$592,580.00
Total amount contributed to date	\$95,921.40
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$496,658.60

2015 Stewardship as of 2/09/16

Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	408
Total amount pledged to date	\$678,424.84
Total amount contributed to date	\$654,036.30
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$ 24,388.54

Dennis reported another letter will be mailed out asking for 2016 pledge cards to be returned by March 1st. Stewardship Sunday is slated for October 2nd. Dennis stated revisions will be made to the stewardship folders and cards and he will provide an update later in the year.

## **Clergy Reports**

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

Since our 21 January 2016 Parish Council meeting, Father Bill conducted one Vesperal Liturgy, one emergency baptism, one eight-day blessing, three funerals, one visitation prior to a funeral, and the house blessings have begun.

Last Sunday, Holy Trinity Church (HTC) offered a 40-day Memorial Service for Father Chris Hadgigeorge, the former Presiding Priest from 1948 – 1957. Godparent Sunday was well received, beginning with *The Service of renewing of our commitment to Christ* and continuing with Godparents joining their Godchildren in Church School and the delicious brunch.

Father Jarrod offered the first presentation on *Orthodoxy Explored* yesterday with three more Wednesday evening presentations in the upcoming weeks.

Three pre-marriage sessions were conducted. There was one Church tour. Both Missions trips appear to be filled, with a total of 35 people going to either Guatemala or Mexico.

Father Jarrod and Father Bill attended the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast where David Carlson made a presentation about ISIS / ISIL. HTC is hosting the next Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, 24 February. Tony Filis has volunteered to prepare the breakfast. It was announced that Mayor James Brainard is planning to attend.

This Sunday, Father Jarrod will attend the Dayton Basketball Tournament and remain in Dayton to concelebrate the Divine Services at Annunciation Church in Dayton, Ohio with our GOYAns.

Logo change was presented to the Parish Council.

Personnel change will be occurring this month.

### **Father Jarrod Russell's Report**

#### **Religious Education:**

On Sunday, January 31, the visit to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class occurred. The class was taught by Niki Martine and Teresa Dallas. In anticipation of the visit, the students submitted questions, which were answered during the visit. Also, at the request of Teresa, an Altar Gospel Book was brought to the class to show the students.

The next Church School visit is scheduled for Sunday, February 21.

The first session of the *Orthodoxy Explored* adult religious education class occurred on February 10 with the topic of Sources of Orthodox Tradition. Thirty-five people attended. Positive

responses about the session were received. This series will continue with sessions on February 17, February 24, and March 2.

### **Youth Ministry Events:**

On Saturday, January 23, the HOPE/JOY kids went bowling at Woodland Bowling Center. Approximately 20 children and 10-12 parents attended. A nice photo from the event was included in the Koinonia on January 31.

On Sunday, January 24, a session of GOYA Orthodox Life was conducted with Father Bill and Father Jarrod speaking on the topic of confession. It was conducted in the High School classroom and was well attended. Prior to the talk on confession, both Ionian Village and the St. Nicholas Summer Camp were promoted.

On Sunday, February 7, Nick and Sharon Dervenis hosted a Super Bowl party for the Sr. and Jr. GOYA. Fifteen to eighteen GOYAnS attended, and approximately ten to twelve adults were present. The GOYAnS had a great time and were very appreciative to the Dervenis' for hosting. A nice photo of the GOYAnS will be in the Koinonia on February 14.

### **Basketball:**

Father Jarrod attended basketball practices on January 24 and 31. Both Father Bill and Father Jarrod attended the final practice on February 7. All three were well attended. The Dayton basketball tournament is this coming weekend.

### **Orthodox Christian Fellowship:**

The first meeting of the IUPUI OCF occurred on February 3. Four students, one faculty member, and two Priests were present. The two Priests were Fr. David Wey of Sts. Constantine and Helena Church and Father Jarrod. We planned the OCF schedule for Spring 2016.

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

#### ***Flooring – Bob Dine***

Bob reported via e-mail he is in the final stages of qualifying the contractor of choice. The pricing ranges from a low of \$275,000 to \$439,000. The pricing does not include a 15% contingency which should be added. Bob stated low bid does not always mean best bid and he will provide a final recommendation prior to the March General Assembly. A 8-12 week order lead time is required on some of the tile.

#### ***Pews (Choir Section) – Father Bill***

Father Bill reported that His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has approved the style of chairs with the seat that can be flipped up for the Choir section and that match the style of chairs in the exedras. Dennis suggested that the order should be submitted in March.

#### ***Lighting for Iconography***

Father Bill has received an estimate of \$102,000 for the LED lighting for the dome. Lighting equipment is driving the cost. Discussion ensued. Dennis Dickos moved to present the lighting bid to the General Assembly in March. Steve Kollias seconded the motion.

#### ***Building Fund Plaque***

Father Bill reported the plaque should be completed by the end of February due to issues with the manufacturer subcontracted by our vendor for the project.

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

Bob Dine reported via e-mail that he would format a template to help identify the equipment and components in the Parish that may require repair and replacement. His hope is to target a presentation of the study at the Fall General Assembly.

### **Bylaws**

Julie Rowlas presented the Bylaws change that was prepared for the November 2015 General Assembly. Upon further review, it was agreed that the Bylaws will be presented to the March General Assembly as originally written and approved.

### **General Assembly Agenda**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Nomination of Chairperson
3. Quorum Report
4. November 2015 General Assembly Minutes Approval
5. Stewardship Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Presiding Priest's Report
8. President's Report
9. Project Update-Floor and Pews
10. LED Lighting for parking lot
11. Icon lighting
12. Bylaws
13. Greek Festival 2016
14. Golf Outing
15. Philoptochos Report
16. Other Business
17. Adjournment/Closing Prayer

### **Shelby Program**

Father Bill reported the upgrading of the Shelby Program that maintains contact information on Parishioners, donations, and general admin use. He also sought approval of classification for active and inactive members in Shelby Program. An active member is a member who has submitted a Stewardship Card during past 5 years. A member is considered inactive if no Stewardship Card has been received from 5-10 years. Over 10 years would constitute elimination. This should help the accounting and mailing system with better organization and clarity.

### **Refrigerators & Can Opener**

Tracy Pappas reported a bid was received for a new reach-in refrigerator and can opener. Discussion ensued. Irene Sarris moved to accept the bid minus the 7% sales tax. Steve Kollias seconded the motion.

### **Soup Kettle & More**

Gail Zeheralis reported a remaining balance of approximately \$3,000 from the grant money used for the GOYA Boston Trip. She suggested purchasing a soup kettle and heating cart to help make the soup kitchen more portable to conform to changes made at North United Methodist which is the location of the soup kitchens. Discussion ensued. Dennis Dickos moved to return the \$3,000 grant money and not purchase the soup kettle and heat cart. Greg Dickos seconded the motion.

### **Greekfest**

Greekfest is scheduled for August 26-28. Steve Kollias recommended a 50/50 raffle with tickets offered at \$5 each and 5 tickets for \$20. No updates to report.

**Red Chairs to Traverse City Mission Parish**

Father Bill reported the Traverse City Mission Parish has requested the red chairs currently being used in the Sanctuary upon installation of the pews. It was agreed to donate the chairs to this Parish. The Parish would assume the transportation cost.

**Clergy Pre-Lenten Retreat**

Father Bill stated this retreat is scheduled for 2/28 thru 3/01. Holy Trinity will host up to 25 clergy. Parish Council approved up to \$1,000 to cover clergy expenses.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Father Bill reported St. George will host and the Parish Council agreed on an amount of \$500 which is the standard donation to the Presbyters' Council of Central Indiana.

**Clergy Laity**

Tracy Pappas stated the Clergy Laity will take place in Nashville, TN on July 3-8<sup>th</sup> and asked to place on these dates on personal calendars, informing her if the interest in attending as a delegate.

**Miscellaneous**

Father Bill reported that Pastor Alan Goertemiller from Pilgrim Lutheran Church is retiring. Parish Council agreed to a donation of \$250 for his retirement gift.

**Next Meeting** – March 10, 2016

**2016 Meetings** – 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December

**Adjournment**

Steve Kollias 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 8:30 p.m.

  
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Nick Dervenis, Secretary

4-14-16  
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Tracy Pappas, President

4-14-16  
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Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

14 APRIL 2016  
Date

