

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Meeting
March 10, 2016

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 6:45 p.m. with Secretary Nick Dervenis present.

Clergy Present: Father Bill Bartz, Father Jarrod Russell

Members Present: Nick Dervenis, Dennis Dickos, Bob Dine, Angelo Julovich, Tracy Pappas, Julie Rowlas, Nick Saran, Irene Sarris, Nick Sofianopolos, Gail Zeheralis (Via Teleconference)

Members Absent: Matt Albean, Greg Dickos, Steve Kollias, George Pappaioanou

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the February 11 minutes

Nick Saran made a motion: "I move to accept the minutes of the February 11 meeting as corrected." 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 March 10, 2015 as follows:

PNC Operating Acct.	\$ 224,585.34
PNC Fundraising Acct.	\$ 21,797.87
PNC Designated Acct.	\$ 215,187.75
Schwab – Cash	\$ 120,649.53
PNC Building Fund	\$ 457,873.52
PNC Building Fund CD	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,040,094.01</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

Nick Saran met with two different accounting firms to obtain information for review of the Parish finances. Nick specifically asked each firm for best practice guidelines and financial review of the Parish. Both firms will be unable to begin work until after April 15th due to the busy tax season.

Stewardship Committee Report

Dennis Dickos presented the Stewardship Report.

2016 Stewardship as of 3/08/16

Total Parishioners Pledged to-date	355
Total amount pledged to date	\$635,805.00
Total amount contributed to date	\$163,789.27

Total Unpaid balance to date	\$472,015.73
2015 Stewardship as of 3/10/15	
Number of parishioners pledged for 2015	327
Total amount pledged to date	\$571,333.00
Total amount contributed to date	\$147,963.11
Total Unpaid balance to date	\$ 423,369.89

Updates of total Stewardship commitments along with 2016 total operating budget amount of \$850,000 and 2016 Stewardship goal of \$675,000 will be included in the Koinonia once a month.

Clergy Reports

Father Bill Bartz's Report

Since the February 11, 2016 Parish Council meeting, Father Bill has conducted one 40-day blessing, one Baptism, one Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy, one Confession, and about 12 - 15 house blessings. One pre-marriage session was offered.

Father Bill attended the GOYA Basketball Tournament in Dayton only on Saturday and participated in Great Vespers at Saint George Church on another Saturday. Father Bill also attended the meeting of the Orthodox Clergy of Central Indiana that made final plans for the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebration at Saint George Church. The \$500 donation from Holy Trinity Church (HTC) is prepared for a Parish Council member to take to Vespers on 20 March.

Father Jarrod offered two presentations entitled *Orthodoxy Explored* that were attended by 40 – 45 people each time. There was one Church tour. Both Missions trips are full with a total of 35 people going to either Guatemala or Mexico. Last Sunday, the Missions Breakfast was another success, resulting in about \$1175.

HTC hosted three significant groups.

The first was the Carmel Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, 24 February, that was attended by the Mayor James Brainard and Clerk-Treasurer Christine Pauley. After the Prayer Breakfast, a tour of the Church was offered.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and the Clergy of the Metropolis of Detroit arrived on Sunday, 28 February for our Pre-Lenten Retreat. Dean Maniakas who was assisted by Tony Filis prepared delicious meals. The Philoptochos served the meals and cleaned up afterwards with grace and respect, enabling the Clergy to dine and enjoy conversing freely and in a relaxed manner. His Eminence really enjoyed his visit and was able to relax. The significant item in this event is that Father Bill's successor, whoever it might be, was probably one of the Priests who attended this Retreat. He clearly experienced the goodness of HTC, feeling the love and warmth of our people and the kindness of the Parish. Father Bill was very pleased.

The Center for Congregations gathered at HTC on Wednesday, 8 March, for a very interesting presentation on Millennials. This was another very good experience, probably resulting in a future opportunity to host them again. One of our Parishioners, Kelly Minas, was the person on site representing the Center for Congregations.

As announced at our February meeting, the employment of our Administrative Assistant, Susan Baron, concluded on 18 February. On Monday, 22 February, Willa Gillispie, began her employment at HTC. Please welcome her when calling or the visiting the Office.

Father Jarrod Russell's Report

Religious Education:

Father Jarrod visited a combined first and second grade Church School class on Sunday, February 21, 2016. The children were very active and responsive. Multiple teachers were present for the class and all of them were extremely helpful and engaged with the children. The next Church School visit is to the Preschool Class and will occur on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

A Church School teachers' meeting occurred on Monday, February 22, 2016. During the meeting, Father Jarrod offered a presentation on the meaning, structure, and history of the Lenten Services (the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts and the Salutations/Akathist Hymn). Additionally, a handout for the Lenten Services was provided for the teachers to use as a resource for their classes.

The second *Orthodoxy Explored* class occurred on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The topic was the Holy Trinity with an emphasis on how the Holy Trinity is revealed in the Scriptures. Forty to forty-five people attended this class. The third *Orthodoxy Explored* class scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The fourth *Orthodoxy Explored* class occurred on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The topic was Salvation History. This class occurred in the Church and utilized the icons of the Church. Forty to forty-five people attended this class, which was the last class scheduled prior to Great Lent.

The response for the *Orthodoxy Explored* series was overwhelmingly positive, especially for the final class that occurred in the Church. Future series following the format of *Orthodoxy Explored* are currently under discussion.

Youth Ministry Events:

The Parish 2016 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival occurred on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Kristina Tridico chaired the Festival and did a great job. Three junior level students participated and two senior level students participated. Two students from each division advanced to the Central District Oratorical Festival, which will occur in our Parish on Saturday, April 9.

The Junior and Senior GOYA attended the Butler-Marquette Basketball game on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Steve Kollias provided thirty-five tickets for the game and all tickets were used. The game was Senior day for Butler, a sellout, and a huge victory, both for the GOYAnS and the Butler Bulldogs. The GOYAnS are extremely grateful to Steve for providing the tickets.

The HOPE/JOY meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 20 was moved to Sunday, March 20. This meeting will include a demonstration of how prosforo is made and used during the Divine Liturgy.

Basketball:

The Dayton Basketball Tournament occurred over the weekend of February 12-14, 2016. Holy Trinity fielded three teams. The Boys A team, which was the senior team, consisted of ten boys; the Boys B team, which was the junior team, consisted of twelve boys; and the Girls team consisted of eleven girls. All three teams won at least one game, and the Boys B team secured a second place finish, adding a trophy to the Holy Trinity trophy case. Six coaches, many youth advisors, and even more parents were present throughout the weekend. Father Jarrod was present the entire weekend and concelebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Annunciation Parish in

Dayton on Sunday. Father Bill and Presvytera Emily were present all day on Saturday. This was a very successful tournament and the Holy Trinity youth reacted positively to the experience.

The Family Basketball Game occurred on Sunday, February 21, 2016, at Zionsville West Middle School. All three teams from the Dayton tournament played. The Boys A team and the Girls team prevailed against the parents, while the Boys B team lost a close contest to the much taller parents. This event was well attended, and the people present requested that it become an annual event and a positive way to conclude the Holy Trinity basketball program.

On Thursday, March 3, 2016, Father Bill and Father Jarrod met with Melinda Emmanoelides and Niki Martine, the Basketball Co-Chairs, to discuss ways to improve the basketball program for the 2016-17 year. This was a very productive meeting that addressed the participation requirements for the players, age ranges for the teams at the Dayton tournament, and the options for having scrimmage games in anticipation of the Dayton tournament.

A basketball meeting with the coaches and other youth leaders is scheduled for Sunday, March 20.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship:

The IUPUI OCF met on Wednesday, March 2. Two students and one faculty member attended. Two other students indicated that were unable to attend because of academic conflicts. The discussion centered on Lent and the Lenten Services.

REAL:

The Centers for Congregations hosted a conference on Millennials and Social Action at Holy Trinity Church. Using ideas from that conference, a meeting of young married couples is being planned for the meal following the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 6. The plan is to reach out individually to certain couples about starting a small group for them at Holy Trinity. Based on recommendations during the conference, this meeting is not going to be announced in the Koinonia and will be initiated by personal invitation.

Metropolis Youth Events:

Registration for the St. Nicholas Summer Camp opened on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. An announcement is being run in the Koinonia, and the camp is being promoted directly to the youth via email and social media.

The telephone conference for the Metropolis Central and Southern District Youth Events mentioned in prior reports has now been postponed to the end of March. If it does not occur by the end of March, it will be postponed until after Pascha.

Parish Council Committee Assignments and Reports

Flooring – Bob Dine

Bob presented three final bids for discussion. Two companies were local while the third company was from out of state. Bob recommended Certified Flooring Services as this company completed flooring in our education wing and has been at our site on many occasions as one of the other three contractors had not visited our site. Discussion ensued regarding which company and bid to secure. The flooring companies were placed to vote with a majority in favor of Certified Flooring.

Nick Saran moved "to use Certified Flooring as the contractor for the flooring". There was a second to the motion. The motion was passed.

Pews – Dennis Dickos

Dennis reported the pricing will increase slightly due to the thickness of the pews increasing ¼ of an inch and the ornate medallions on the privacy screens. Dennis recommended thicker pews after consulting with our vendor, New Holland.

Nick Saran moved “to increase the thickness of the pews and medallions on the privacy panel”. There was a second to the motion. The motion was passed.

Dennis met with Choir Director Bill Christoff and decided on two risers for the choir section composed of 24 chairs with the option of placing additional chairs on the floor, totaling 31 seats. Father Bill approved this plan. Dennis recommends a target start date of this project to be the first of September.

Lighting for Iconography and Iconography Phase 3

Father Bill presented a proposal from Huston Electrical for the LED lighting for the dome and iconography of just under \$96,000. This proposal will be presented to the General Assembly.

Father Bill met with Dr. George Kordis a few weeks ago and discussed Phase 3 of the iconography. Dr. Kordis stated the pricing will be the same rate as the first two phases. Dr. Kordis quoted a price of \$451,587 which does not include costs of securing VISAs, food/lodging, and local transportation. Phase 3 has a target date in January 2018 and will require approximately 8 weeks for completion.

Nick Saran made a motion “for up to \$700,000 to complete phase 3 of the iconography with Dr. George Kordis”. There was a second to the motion. The motion was passed.

Building Fund Plaque

Father Bill stated one of the plaques did not appear as shiny as the other plaques. Representatives from Bardach will come to look at it.

Ten-Year Facilities Plan – Bob Dine

Bob Dine will meet with Tony Filis to identify critical items that may need to be addressed and replaced in the near future. George Baroudas and Tim Bryant are the Committee members.

Bylaws

Julie Rowles reported the Bylaws revision would be presented as submitted to the General Assembly in March.

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. Bylaws
12. Greek Festival 2016
13. Golf Outing
14. Philoptochos Report

- 15. Other Business
- 16. Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Upgraded Shelby Program

Nick Sofianopolos recommended waiting until the completion of the accounting review to see if any processes need revision prior to implementation.

Refrigerators & Can Opener

No report.

Greekfest

Tracy Pappas stated Tony Filis, Marika Bagios, and Mike Hendricks will chair the GreekFest with Julie Rowlas serving as Parish Council Liaison.

Lenten Services Schedule

Father Bill passed around the Lenten Services signup sheets encouraging all Parish Council members to signup for multiple dates.

Lenten Meal

Parish Council will be serving the Lenten Meal on April 6th. Gail Zeheralis, Tracy Pappas, Nick Dervenis, and Irene Sarris will coordinate this meal for Parish Council and seek assistance from entire Parish Council on April 6.

Clergy Laity

Tracy Pappas will be attending the Clergy Laity which will take place in Nashville, TN on July 3-8th and asked others to place these dates on personal calendars and to consider attending, advising her of their interest as a delegate.

Next Meeting – April 14, 2016

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

Adjournment

Nick Dervenis 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 9:30 p.m.



Nick Dervenis, Secretary

4-17-16
Date



Tracy Pappas, President

4-17-16
Date



Father Bill Bartz, Presiding Priest

18 APRIL 2016
Date