

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palos Hills, IL

February 8, 2022

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Andy Kladis
Angelo Fotopoulos
Tom Berchos
Dimitri Andrikopoulos
Peter Kaftanzis
George Lattas
Elaine Simadis
Leo Bezanis
Tony Vouris

Sue Kouchis
Andy Sampalis
Effie Panos
Jim Stavrou
Janet Koliopoulos
Liz Christofylakis
Gerry Galatis
Mark Dinos
Mike Orrico

ABSENT:

Telly Visvardis
Gus Kapsaskis

- I. Jim Stavrou, called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. The meeting commenced with 18 members present.
- II. Gerry Galatis made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2022 meeting. Elaine Simadis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Gerry Galatis made a motion to approve the minutes submitted by George Argires, Election Chairman, from the January 9, 2022 election meeting. Sue Kouchis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. Jim Stavrou delivered the President's Report.
 - a. Jim Stavrou and Fr. Tom met with the Chancellor of the Metropolis, His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion via zoom on February 7, 2022 to discuss our need for a 2nd priest.
 - b. Along with our quarterly newsletter returning, our weekly bulletin will also be revamped to change format and to be in color.
 - c. Various events forth coming: Feed 6 on March 19th, all PC members encouraged to volunteer. Comedy night on May 7th, all PC members encouraged to attend this event.

V. Clergy report presented by Fr. Tom De Medeiros

- a. Fr. Tom spoke about the need to improve on our Sunday School. Attendance has been very low since starting up. Fr. Tom to call parents to invite them to Sunday School.
- b. Fr. Tom met with the clergy from 5 area southside parishes to collaborate on different ideas to work together. During Great Lent, for the Monday night services, each Parish will alternate in being the host parish with one of the visiting clergymen being the guest speaker. Our date to host is March 21, with Fr. Nicholas Greanias as the guest speaker. The parishes participating are: Holy Cross, St. Nicholas, All Saints, Assumption-Homer Glen, & Annunciation-Kankakee.

VI. Financial report presented by Elaine Simadis

- a. Church Endowment currently at \$695,392 and school endowment at \$924,654. We contributed \$400,000 into our endowments in 2021. We have not pulled from our endowments due to a financial need in the past 3 years. We do continue to pull 5% annually from each endowment for general operating purposes in accordance to our bylaws.
- b. Capital improvements in the amount of \$123,000 were made to the facility in 2021.

VII. Stewardship report presented by George Lattas

- a. Average give is \$579 per steward with a total of 144 stewards year to date.
- b. Every month will begin doing a Stewardship Sunday in the hopes more people respond to the call to become active stewards of the church. The first Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for March 6, 2022, with a complimentary pancake breakfast after church.
- c. Stewardship Sundays will take place monthly going forward with a guest speaker chosen beforehand, to speak during church for a couple of minutes to speak about what the church means to them.

VIII. Brick Paver report presented by Tony Vouris

- a. The rendering of the project was presented to the board with some minor adjustments that need to be made.

- b. Total project cost, including all added extras which are walkway lighting, up lighting by the trees, landscaping, & rings around trees comes out to a total of \$56,985.
- c. Current total of sold bricks:
 - 4x8 = 33 with 500 available for sale
 - 8x8 = 110 with 500 available for sale
 - Plaques = 25 with 0 available for sale
- d. Rates of bricks to be increased after February 28, 2022.
- e. Tony Vouris made a motion to proceed with Arrowhead Brick Pavers Inc to complete the Phase I brick paver project not to exceed \$60,000.00. Cost includes tearing up existing cement from handicap parking spot up to entrance of our lobby, installing walkway pavers and plaques with engraving, lighting, landscaping, and all added options as previously mentioned. Project is to commence in the Spring of 2022 with Arrowhead Brick Pavers Inc having us slated as their first project of the year with a 10% down payment of the grand total of the project. Tom Berchos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX: New Business

- 1. Security - Andy Kladis
 - a. Emergency doors at the West and North end of the school are being updated.
 - b. Quotes were obtained to update some of the offices with fobs however due to pricing will hold off on this project for the time being.
- 2. Feed 6 - George Lattas
 - a. Feed 6 event to take place in our facility on March 19, 2022 with 50,000 meals being prepared with a cost of \$15,000 to our parish. Everyone was asked to once again participate with this great cause. Will have 2 shifts with 100 volunteers per shift. Children must be in 3rd grade or older to volunteer.
 - b. Feed 6 is a bona fide charitable organization affiliated with Charity Outreach which is who we pay directly.

3. Honoray Members – Elaine Simadis

- a. Elaine spoke about the need to recognize former Parish Council members who served on the board for many years, what are we doing to thank them for their years of service?
- b. Elaine to come back to next meeting with ideas of what we can do.

4. Committees – Jim Stavrou

- Stewardship: George Lattas, Sue Kouchis, Janet Koliopoulos, Andy Kladis & Elaine Simadis
- Security: Gerry Galatis & Mike Orrico
- House: Tony Vouris, Mark Dinos, Gus Kapsaskis, Andy Sampalis, Sue Kouchis, Janet Koliopoulos, Leo Bezanis, Tom Berchos
- Maintenance: Pete Kaftanzis, Angelo Fotopoulos, Mark Dinos, Telly Visvardis
- Finance: Elaine Simadis, Effie Panos & Gerry Galatis
- Investment: Andy Sampalis, Steve Argires, Ari Paxinos
- Technology: Andy Kladis & Gus Kapsaskis
- Human Resources: Andy Kladis & George Lattas
- School Board: Liz Christofylakis
- Prsidium: Dimitri Andrikopoulos
- Religious Education: Tom Berchos

5. Maintenance - Peter Kaftanzis

- a. Looking to hire a maintenance person on a part-time basis to assist with the needs of the facility. The search has begun for a candidate.

X: Adjournment:

Angelo Fotopoulos moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dimitri Andrikopoulos Seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by Gerry Galatis
February 10, 2022

