

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palos Hills, IL

June 14, 2022

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Fr. Tom De Medeiros
Fr. Nicholas Dahdal
Andy Kladis
Mark Dinos
Janet Koliopoulos
Liz Christofylakis
Elaine Simadis
Leo Bezanis
Gus Kapsaskis

Dimitri Andrikopoulos
Andy Sampalis
Effie Panos
Jim Stavrou
Tom Berchos
Peter Kaftantzis
Gerry Galatis
George Lattas

ABSENT:

Angelo Fotopoulos
Mike Orrico
Tony Vouris
Sue Kouchis
Telly Visvardis

- I. Jim Stavrou, called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. with opening prayer led by Fr. Nicholas. Fr. Nicholas read and explained the meaning behind Matthew 18:10-20. The meeting commenced with 15 members present.
- II. Tom Berchos made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting, Elaine Simadis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Pastoral report presented by Fr. Tom & Fr. Nicholas
 - a. We had the honor of having the Chancellor on night of Feast Day Vespers and the Metropolitan on the Feast Day.
 - b. Jim Stavrou suggested to lower the ages for Altar Boys and Hand Maidens to Kindergarten age children. All were in favor of this move and will be put into place immediately with communication being sent to the faithful.
 - c. Fr. Nicholas asked why the bulletin is sent out on Sunday mornings and not sooner, such as Fridays, so the faithful know of any memorials taking place on the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins will be going on Fridays starting immediately.
 - d. We will once again list any memorials taking place each Sunday in the Narthex to help direct parishioners and guests to the areas of each memorial taking place.
- IV. Jim Stavrou delivered the President's Report.

- a. There will be no Parish Council meeting in July due to a lot of members on vacation. Next meeting will be August 10, 2022.
- b. Fr. Tom will be on vacation starting June 20, 2022 and will be returning the week of July 12, 2022. During this time, he will also be attending the Clergy Laity taking place in New York.
- c. Both Jim Stavrou and Andy Kladis will be out of the country beginning July 8, 2022. During their absence, Jim has appointed Gerry Galatis as the main contact for day to day operations should anything arise needing attention.

V. Financial report presented by Elaine Simadis

- a. May breakdown:
 - Revenue: \$148,340
 - Expenses: \$185,274.92
 - Net: (\$36,934.92)
- b. Had to transfer \$40k from temp restricted to cover payroll once again
- c. Koraes has a deficit of \$50k. Tuition going up 7% in the upcoming year and will gradually increase year after year to help offset. Delinquencies have decreased on tuition which helps.

VI. Stewardship report presented by George Lattas

- a. 421 stewards YTD which is down 14% compared to 485 stewards same time last year.
- b. YoY, we are down 13% in stewardship funds which equates to \$38,454 in lost revenue. 68% of Stewards give \$600 or less, 14% give \$500-\$1,000, 14% give \$1,000-\$2,000 and 4.2% give \$2,500+.
- c. Stewardship barbeque that took place on June 5, 2022 after church was a huge success. Next stewardship event will be towards the end of summer/beginning of fall. Looking to do a clothing drive / canned food drive sometime in the near future.

VII: Old Business

1. Brick Paver Project – Jim Stavrou

- a. Tony Vouris was unable to make meeting. Stated he has been having a hard time reaching out contractor. Contractor did state fell behind due to weather however will be putting us on his schedule for week of June 20, 2022.
 - b. Bricks that are being engraved are also being delayed however contractor will fill with blanks in the meantime if needed
 - c. Peter Kaftantzis to follow up with vendor for more accurate timing of project.
2. Greek Fest – Peter Kaftantzis
- a. August 20 & 21 from 11am to 11pm both days
 - b. Some increases in pricing. Looking to bring back Greek dancing at the fest with the young adults of the church to perform like in past years.
3. Golf Outing – George Lattas
- a. September 22, 2022 has been booked with The Odyssey Venue. John Simadis, Steve Argires, Athena Xirogiannis, and George Les will be joining George Lattas on the Golf Outing Committee.
4. Kitchen Update – Leo Bezanis
- a. Work to install walk in freezer will begin on June 15, 2022. Remainder of work will resume week of July 5, 2022 with a 3 day window given for cleaning to take place and painting when old equipment is removed.

VIII: Adjournment:

George Lattas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Liz Christofylakis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Submitted by Gerry Galatis
June 22, 2022