

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palos Hills, IL

June 5, 2023

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Fr. Chris Avramopoulos

Fr. Nicholas Dahdal

Demitri Andrikopoulos

Tom Berchos

George Lattas

Janet Koliopoulos

Gerry Galatis

Gus Kapsaskis

Andy Kladis

Sue Kouchis

Peter Kaftantzis

Liz Christofylakis

Andy Sampalis

Jim Stavrou

Telly Visvardis

Tony Vouris

Elaine Simadis

Mike Orrico

Angelo Fotopoulos

ABSENT:

Mark Dinos

Leo Bezanis

Effie Panos

- I. Jim Stavrou, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The meeting commenced with 17 members present.
- II. Sue Kouchis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting. Andy Sampalis seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- III. President's report delivered by Jim Stavrou
 - a. Welcomed Fr. Chris – very excited to have him and Presvytera back home. Thanked the Men's Parea Group for putting together the luncheon on Fr. Chris' first Sunday back.
 - b. Jr. Olympics had a great turn out – KPTA raised over 40k through concessions.
 - c. Andy Kladis will be the point person for the patio renovation – still unsure of a start date as we are waiting on the donor's contractor to start. He is in the process of finishing some jobs for the donor.
 - d. June 22 – July 14, Jim will be out of the country – Andy Kladis to be point person during this time for any needs that arise.
- IV. Pastoral report delivered by Fr. Chris
 - a. Happy to be back – was very difficult to leave All Saints, however excited for a new beginning.
 - b. Understands the challenges of the community and knows the people from his time with us in the past – can help move the parish forward.

V. Financial report delivered by Elaine Simadis

- a. Through 5/31/23, we are running on a (\$235k) deficit.
- b. We've had to pull \$100k from savings to put into our operating account since the beginning of the year.
- c. Executed the mandatory 5% draw from both endowments per our bylaws.
- d. Going forward, will show funds from KPTA and the Men's Parea Group as restricted – each board will disburse funds according to their individual bylaws.

VI. Stewardship/Philanthropy report delivered by George Lattas

- a. As of June 5, 2023, we have 401 paid stewards with \$228k raised. \$568 is average give.
- b. Year over year, we are down on both stewards and funds raised – planning on stewardship Sunday event to take place on October 1.
- c. Children attending summer camp at the church will be putting together meals this month for Beds Plus.

VII: Old Business

1. East Room Beautification – Tony Vouris
 - a. Currently only one bid in place from our preferred vendor. Very hard with time crunch to obtain multiple bids for project.
 - b. **MOTION** – Tony Vouris made a motion that we suspend the rule for 3 bids on this project and for the work to be on in the East Room by our preferred vendor. Tom Berchos seconded the motion. The motion carries.
2. Maintenance – Telly Visvardis/ Peter Kaftantzis
 - a. Lights in lobby will be done prior to festival, also will work on getting bids to resurface the parking lot.
 - b. Duct work in offices and conference room need to be redone due to heating and cooling issues.
 - c. **MOTION** – Telly Visvardis made a motion to approve the proposal from Dahme Mechanical for duct work repair in lobby, offices, and conference room at a cost of \$14,900. Angelo Fotopoulos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII: Adjournment:

Angelo Fotopoulos moved that the meeting be adjourned. Demetri Andrikopoulos seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by Gerry Galatis
June 27, 2023