

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palos Hills, IL

May 18, 2022

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Fr. Tom De Medeiros
Fr. Nicholas Dahdal
Andy Kladis
Mark Dinos
Telly Visvardis
Janet Koliopoulos
Elaine Simadis (remote)
Leo Bezanis

Dimitri Andrikopoulos
Andy Sampalis
Effie Panos
Jim Stavrou
Tom Berchos
Angelo Fotopoulos
Gerry Galatis
George Lattas

ABSENT:

Peter Kaftantzis
Gus Kapsaskis
Mike Orrico
Tony Vouris
Sue Kouchis
Liz Christofylakis

- I. Jim Stavrou, called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. with opening prayer led by Fr. Tom & Fr. Nicholas. The meeting commenced with 15 members present and 1 member via conference call.
- II. Mark Dinos made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting, Tom Berchos seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. It was moved by Telly Visvardis and seconded by Tom Berchos to approve repairs to the gym floor from Specialty Floors for up to \$5,500. The motion passed.
- IV. Pastoral report presented by Fr. Tom & Fr. Nicholas
 - a. Holy Week was a huge success with many of our faithful in church.
 - b. Fr. Tom and Fr. Nicholas continue their outreach calls with not much success in contacting parishioners. Fr. Nicholas suggested both his cell number and Fr. Tom's should be shared on the church bulletin weekly so our parishioners can reach either of them for any spiritual needs they may have. Fr. Nicholas also made mention of the need to do more in person visits as a way to reconnect with our faithful. PC agreed with this idea. Cell phone numbers for both priests to be listed.
- V. Jim Stavrou delivered the President's Report.
 - a. Comedy show that took place on May 7, 2022 was successful with 400+ in attendance including many from surrounding churches.

- b. Due to the need to increase youth activities, we will begin the search for a Youth Activates Director. Still in the early stages and will have more information at our next meeting.
- c. Tony Vouris was unable to attend tonight's meeting however he has informed Jim that the Brick Paver project is set to begin the week of June 13, 2022.

VI. Financial report presented by Elaine Simadis

- a. April breakdown:
 - Stewardship revenue down April 2021
 - At Large donations are also down compared last year

VII. Stewardship report presented by George Lattas

- a. Average give is \$580 per steward with a total of 395 stewards year to date.
- b. Stewardship barbeque to take place on June 5, 2022 after church. The Men's Parea group has agreed to sponsor the event.

VIII: New Business

1. Greek Fest – Telly Visvardis

- a. Telly Visvardis made a motion to order 10k raffle tickets for the Greek Fest drawing where each ticket will represent a cost of \$20 per ticket. Tom Berchos seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. Telly Visvardis made a motion for each Parish Council member to be responsible for \$500 in raffle ticket sales. George Lattas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Golf Outing – George Lattas

- a. September 22, 2022 at The Odyssey
- b. Steve Argires and John Simadis have joined the committee. George is reaching out to 1 more individual to be part of his committee.

3. Clergy Laity taking place July 3 – July 7 2022 in New York. Looking for 4 representatives from the Parish to represent us.

4. Exterior Maintenance – Telly Visvardis

- a. Working on obtaining bids to remove dumpster from existing area.
- b. Working on obtaining bids to replace all Globe lighting on premises.
- c. Looking to change out lighting in the church to all LED. We have a parishioner who has offered to do the labor, we would just need to provide the material.

IX: Adjournment:

George Lattas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Angelo Fotopoulos seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by Gerry Galatis

May 25, 2022