

**Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church-Niles, Illinois**  
**Parish Council Minutes for June 15, 2016**

**Commencement of Meeting:** The Parish Council meeting began at 7:53 p.m. with prayer led by Father Dean, who was present for the duration of the meeting. Meeting also attended by Father George. President Giannopoulos presided over the meeting, for its duration, and Argy Koutsikos, as recording secretary, recorded the matters addressed.

**Parish Council Members in Attendance:** Present: P Giannopoulos, T Kanelos, A Koutsikos, A Rizos, R Kozlowski, W Bozikis, K Ioannou, N Andrews, D Houpis, C Agalliu, E Kiriazopoulos, N Gianaris, L Konstantellos.

Absent: T Karabatsos, M Pontikes, J Aliferis, D Loomos, T Bournias, K Apithis, T Sikoral, A Demeros.

**President's Remarks:** Members in attendance were greeted by President Giannopoulos.

**Minutes:** Minutes from 5-18-16 meeting reviewed, discussed/ corrections made.

**Motion:** To accept minutes made by 1<sup>st</sup> D Houpis/2<sup>nd</sup> R Kozlowski **Vote: 12-0-0**

**Correspondence:**

1) Thank you card from the Reglis family.

2) Donation request from Hellenic College Holy Cross **Motion:** To donate \$100.00 made by 1<sup>st</sup> T Kanelos/2<sup>nd</sup> E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: 12-0-0**

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial Report of 4/30/16 was reviewed and with discussion on certain line items. **Motion:** To accept 4/30/16 Financial Report made by 1<sup>st</sup> A Rizos/2<sup>nd</sup> E Kiriazopoulos **Vote:** unanimous

**Committee Reports:**

1) Outdated Office Computer System Replacement- Presentation made by G. Houpis. At present 3 existing computers are from 2009 (other 2 from 2011 not in issue) 2 proposals were presented. Cost of hardware only @ \$2,240.00, not inclusive of software; software will need to be updated to Windows 10 and Office 365, with an approximate additional cost of \$800.00; will need to add online back-up solution. **Motion:** Spend up to \$3,500.00 to replace 3 outdated computer systems, inclusive of software and online back up system made by 1<sup>st</sup> T Kanelos/2<sup>nd</sup> W Bozikis **Vote: 12-0-0**

2) Outreach - J Pierce presented update of committee's activities. In May 14 members of P.C. volunteered to serve at Bessie's Table. 64 dine-in meals were served and many more served to go. A family identified from Meals on Wheels program was assisted by an arranged cleaning crew. Next Meals on Wheels date is 6/18/16. On 6/20/16 the Outreach Committee will hold a fellowship social in the Community Center.

3) 2016 Food-Fest Raffle- In prep phase had a recent sampling of the roasted leg of lamb pre-sliced that will be purchased at P&S Meats; price point for the taverna lamb chop item to be @ \$12.00-\$15.00 a plate; raffle sales comparable to last year this time; early bird drawing on Sunday 6/19/16; need help on Wednesday night and Thursday morning skewering; balloon to be placed on grounds Friday.

4) Phase III- Met with 3<sup>rd</sup> general contractor and final figures quoted-went back to all contractors and asked them to put together their final bottom line - have identified the preferred vendor and will determine if can meet our final bottom line. On the fundraising side there are donations from the pledges coming in-2<sup>nd</sup> phase is to have a core committee make phone calls- need to raise additional 1.5 million with intent to start construction either in April, 2017 or July, 2017. Will be meeting with T Sikoral to discuss financing options.

Discussion again raised by D Houpis as to going forward with Phase III in stages as capital become available - question as to how Phase III chairperson was selected. D Houpis distributed a written recommendation to Phase III Committee- as such to be reviewed by that committee.

5) School Board- no report.

6) Building and Grounds- 4 columns in the church are water blistered. To address this when chair people present next meeting.

7) Stewardship Update- As of 6/16/16 543 families pledged \$294,940.00 (\$543.17 average) compared to 555 families who pledge \$294,350.00 as of 6/17/15 (\$530.36 average). The 2017 stewardship campaign will need to be presented soon.

8) Golf Outing 2016 will take place at Old Orchard CC. Plan to contact last year's participants to save-the-date.

9) Donation Kiosk- L Konstantellos distributed a proposal. Hardware tht will be needed are a mobile reader with chip technology and USB connection, tablet with Windows capability and a stand box. One deposit per day can be made and the software will allow the treasurer to determine deposit made for what purpose; to look into getting 501(c)(3) designation. The set-up cost of \$399 will be waived. Discussion had and certain items to be further investigated before an action taken by P.C.

N Gianaris to look into acquiring an ATM cash machine.

#### **For the Good of the Parish:**

A) Clergy Laity registration and fees paid for Father Dean and T Sikoral. As in the past request made that P.C. cover costs for Presvytera Georgia to attend conference.

**Motion:** To pay costs for Presvytera Georgia to attend by 1<sup>st</sup> A Rizos/2<sup>nd</sup> E Kiriazopoulos

**Vote:** unanimous

**Motion:** Cover 2-3 night accommodation costs (@ \$180.00 a night) for Father George to attend Clergy Laity --1<sup>st</sup> A Koutsikos/2<sup>nd</sup> C Agalliu **Vote:** unanimous

B) Memorial Day Picnic- Very well attended. The picnic began with a Trisagion service in observance of the Memeorial Day holiday. Parish Council members were asked to donate \$5-10 to cover expenses.

C) Social Media Committee- Father George reported there have been 2 meetings to date- committee consists of G Houpis, E Lanzourakis, E Kotis, Sandy, Christina Pappadis and Chris Botsis. Intent is to:

1. coordinate multiple social media accounts;
2. Implement safeguards to protect youth using St. Haralambos sites;

3. make website mobile friendly - G Houpis working on it as well as updating the website by adding icons like Facebook/Twitter/Instagram.

4. Enhance communication to our stewards. In the future Sandy will be sending out weekly e-mails announcement/ have @ 700-800 e-mails addresses.

**Motion:** To go into Executive session 1<sup>st</sup> E Kiriazopoulos/2<sup>nd</sup> T Kanelos **Vote:** unanimous

Motion: To close Executive session. Passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Pan Hellenic Scholarship Dinner to be held on Saturday 6/18/16-Black Tie Optional. It was motioned to reserve a table out of respect for Chris Tomaras. Passed.

-4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to kick off at Notre Dame H.S. - meet @ 8:30a.m.

-Greek Heritage Night at White Sox Game will be on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:** To adjourn made by 1<sup>st</sup> E Kiriazopoulos/2<sup>nd</sup> T Kanelos **Vote:** unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ,

Argy Koutsikos, Recording Secretary

#### **Open Items for resolution:**

1) School programs to be assessed by professional team of educators. 2) Basketball hoop for the youth. 3) Parish Council going as a group to St. Iakovos Retreat Center. 4) Circulate copy of Parish Bylaws to all Parish Council members