

Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, Niles, Illinois Parish Council Meeting for Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 8:03 p.m. with Father George leading us in prayer who was present for the duration of the meeting. President Perry Giannopoulos presided over the meeting, for its duration, and Katerina Apithis, as recording secretary, recorded the matters addressed.

Parish Council Members in Attendance:

Present: P Giannopoulos, R. Kozlowski, A Rizos, K Ioannou, M Pontikes, L Konstantellos, T Sikoral, G Giolas, B Bozikis, E Kiriazopoulos, K Apithis, T Kanelos, D Houpis, T Karabatsos, C Agalliu

Absent: A Koutsikos, N Gianaris, T Bournias, A Demeros, N Andrews, D Loomos, Fr. Dean

President's Remarks: Members in attendance were greeted by President Giannopoulos and provided the minutes from February meeting to be read.

Motion: To approve the minutes made by E Kiriazopoulos & 2nd by R Kozlowski. **Vote:** 12-0-1

Correspondence:

1. Thank you letter from IOCC for special Christmas tray donation
2. Greek Parade will be held on Sunday, April 30th, on Halsted Street: Smoker held on March 9th (passed); Flag Raising Ceremony & Lunch to be held on April 28th; Tourism Evening Reception also on April 28th; Dinner Gala to be held on April 29th.
3. American Cancer Society

Treasurer's Report: Financial report of December 2016, was reviewed and discussed highlighting any variances. Next meeting, we will most likely cover January's financial reports. T Sikoral elected chairman of the Strategic Planning session.

Motion: To accept the December financial report made by T Sikoral / 2nd by E Kiriazopoulos.

Vote: 14-0-0

Committee Reports:

- A. Food Fest Meeting: Our Food Fest Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd, to start at 7:45pm.
Motion: to approve all the raffle prizes for this year's food fest made by R Kozlowski / 2nd by C Agalliu
Vote: 14-0-0
- B. Outreach Committee: J Pierce stated that Parish Council will like to take May 22nd, as their day to serve at Bessie's table; 20 people are needed at best, a few needed by 4pm, and will be done by 7pm.
- C. Phase III: P Giannopoulos went over some details of the construction side details; We still need stewards to pledge.

- D. Stewardship: G Giolas & L Konstantellos went over some key points of the survey results; G Giolas was chosen as the Stewardship Committee chairman who will inform us with future updates.
- E. Software Website: G Giolas stated that since we accepted the new software there will be a training scheduled for the office staff on Friday, March 24th at 12pm. Any questions that Parish Council has should be sent to George who will ask the trainer on that day.
- F. Lamb Competition: Our 2nd Annual Lamb competition will be held on Saturday, April 29th.
- G. Ushering: Holy Week schedule will be sent by N Andrews any day now. Please try to attend.
- H. Building & Grounds: M Pontikes stated that the Village of Niles we must decal the address on both sides of the building; we also need to look at the fire alarms and fire extinguishers. P Giannopoulos summarized roof details: main issues with water coming into the classrooms is the tuck pointing. We have a proposal for \$17,600 to do spot tuck pointing all around the problem areas as well as to seal. T Karabatsos stated that he was waiting on the specs of the sealer. If the sealer meets the specs than we will proceed with it. Mr. Houpis has someone waiting for the appropriate weather conditions.

Windows: we will replace all the windows, 10-12 windows which have already been ordered;

Motion: to approve the windows for approximately \$5,000 as part of the \$35,000 that was previously approved and to remove the existing landscaping and mulch that is causing the moisture problem within the \$35,000 budget made by T Kanelos / 2nd B Bozikis.

Vote: 12-0-2

Ozone Treatment: T Karabatsos mentioned that he has a vendor to clean out the mold which we need to wait till June till school is out and after the tuck pointing is complete.

Garage: M Pontikes presented some different options and prices of a replacement garage.

Motion: To reconstruct a storage structure or purchase a storage structure as well replace any items up to the insurance funds and return to the PC for anything beyond made by T Sikoral /2nd by E Kiriazopoulos.

Vote: 12-0-2

For the Good of the Parish: P Giannopoulos stated that the first lecture of the Inreach Committee was very well received and 28 people were in attendance. Fr Dean wanted to ask if we can underwrite some of the expenses which will be transportation **and honorarium** for each speaker which comes to \$2,000 for three lecturers.

\$2000 will be taken out of the Outreach budget. Next speaker will be Dr. Mamalakis and will be held on Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm.

Priest Remarks: Fr. George thanked R Kozlowski for the office changes.

Fr. George encourage everyone to attend the Lazaros Retreat and to show support at the Palm Sunday Luncheon.

Stewardship data: As of March 10th, 2017, we have 268 families; Last year a week later we had 323 families.

Pledges: As of March 10th, 2017, we have \$150,000; Last year a week later we had \$190,000.

Concerns: T Kanelos mentioned to consider hiring **an additional chanter to chant in English** next year if within the budget.

Motion to adjourn made by T Sikoral / 2nd A Rizos. **Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katerina Apithis,
Parish Council Secretary