

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 20, 2018**

Commencement of Meeting

The meeting began with prayer led by Father Dean.

Parish Council Members in Attendance: R Kozlowski, D Loomos, G Giolas, T Sikoral, L Konstantellos, A Rizos, N Andrews, J Pierce, T Bournias, A Demeros, E Kyriazopoulos, T Kanelos, B Bozikis, G Houpis, M Pontikes

Absent: N Gianaris, P Giannopoulos, T Karabatsos, K Ioannou, A Koutsikos,, C Agalliu

Minutes: The May 16, 2018 minutes were reviewed, discussed, and corrected for typos.

Motion to approve the May minutes as corrected: G Giolas / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos 7-0-4 **Pass**

No Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

The April 2018 Financial Report was presented and discussed. The format of the financial statements was discussed.

Motion: To Table the financial statement for April 2018. G Houpis / G Giolas. **Pass: 14-0-1**

Committee Reports

Food Fest

The early Bird Drawing occurred on Father's Day. Thursday, June 21st is next food fest meeting. Volunteers are still needed for the fest.

Phase 3

The Phase 3 committee is having a call tomorrow with the Metropolitan to discuss the details of the project. Financing for Phase 3 has been progressing. We have received a tentative approval from MB Financial. We are also speaking with Fifth Third and U.S. Bank to obtain the best possible terms.

Discussed need for a Groundbreaking Committee. Eleni Kiriazopoulos, Richard Kozlowski and George Giolas offered.

Outreach

Father George has gathered 15 youth volunteers and 4 adult volunteers to help with Bessie's Table this coming Monday. Volunteers are still needed for Meals on Wheels. Philoptochos will be helping with the October Bessie's Table event. The outreach committee will now be keeping meeting minutes. G Giolas and J Pierce are working together to come up with new ideas for outreach. Ideas such as Habitat for Humanity and Uncle Pete's Ministry were discussed.

Golf Outing

It will be held on Sept 20th. We would love some help with participation and sponsorships. It is always a fun time and participation is strong.

Building & Grounds

The courtyard entry and walking surface need repair before the festival. That will cost \$1068. The exterior steps leading up to the altar need repair as well for a cost of \$300. The contractor has put together a proposal for \$1,368 for all the work listed above.

Motion: To accept proposal for \$1,368 and complete the work before the food fest. A Demeros / G Giolas **Pass: Unanimous**

Stewardship

This year 514 families have pledged \$320,864 for an average of \$624 per family. Last year 489 families pledged \$271,012 for an average of \$554 per family. The stewardship committee is working on multiple initiatives including recording services for remote viewing.

For the Good of the Parish

Iconography - \$50,000 was wired to the iconographer to begin the iconography project. \$50,000 will be paid in June in each of the next 4 years. The target is to complete the project by the end of 2019.

The articles of incorporation were updated in 2016. In a future meeting, we will look to discuss these updates.

A Demeros recommended that we place a donation barrel for the construction project near the entrance. It was also recommended that we put some signs up advertising the construction project. The goal would be to spread the message and gather additional donations. The Communications Committee will look to send a message that we are looking to break ground in the near future.

Motion to Adjourn by E Kyrizopoulos / A Rizos Pass: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Lambros Konstantellos,
Acting Secretary