

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR July 25, 2018**

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:43pm. Fr George was also present.

Parish Council Members in Attendance: C Agalliu, T Bournias, W Bozikis, N Gianaris, G Giolas, G Houpis, K Ioannou, T Karabatsos, E Kiriazopoulos, L Konstantellos, A Koutsikos, R Kozlowski, D Loomos, J Pierce, M Pontikes, A Rizos

Absent: N Andrews, A Demeros, P Giannopoulos, T Kanelos, T Sikoral

Correspondence: R Kozlowski thanked everyone for their help running the Food Festival

Minutes: Review of minutes from June 20, 2018

Motion to approve as corrected: E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd T Bournias **Vote:** 8-0-4 **Pass**

Treasurer's Report:

Review of May 2018 Financials. During the review it was brought up that there was leftover money from garage maintenance account from insurance. Also youth programs account should perhaps be merged with the Operating Account.

Motion to table May Financials: A Koutsikos / 2nd M Pontikes. **Vote:** 14-0-0 **Pass**

Review of June 2018 Financials: Under the Liabilities & Net Assets section on page 2 of the June Financials, Special Collections and Ghana Mission Trip should be in the same account.

Motion to Approve June Financial Statement with state correction: T Karabatsos / 2nd W Bozikis. **Vote:** 8-2-2 **Pass**

Committee Reports:

School Board: Review of the 2017-2018 Budget, presented by Olympia Bournias. Total Net income is \$4047. No one asked for hardships. General discussion with regards to the past year budget had. The following questions were addressed:

- Q: Is the school doing better because of increased student enrollment or discounts?
- A: There is incentive for families to register by the end of May and before September for discount or early registration requires non-refundable deposit
- Q: Are the schools at capacity?
- A: Yes for Saturday and morning school
- Q: Were any prospective students turned away from attending?
- A: No, but there was a waiting list for morning school
- Staff Changes: For Saturday School: Fay Fasoi will replace Konstantina Panayiotaki.

Kyriaki Georgila will replace Alexandra Fakiola. For Afternoon School: There will be an additional teacher, Alexandra Fakiola (Jr High). For Morning School: Magda Kelesidi to replace Rita Petratos (Director). The Board deems her very qualified due to past experience and would result in a smooth transition.

Mr. Pierce suggested that there should be a discussion not only of hiring but of the philosophy of the schools.

Motion: to Approve hiring and replacement of said teachers: T Karabatsos/ 2nd G Giolas **Vote:** 13-0-1 **Pass**

2018 Food Fest Preliminary Report: \$340,000 gross income vs \$410,000 gross previous year, also a record year. There are still some items to be returned to Panos and working on finalizing the net profits.

Phase 3: The Phase 3 committee answered and submitted questions requested by the village for permits. They are waiting on the village. Metropolitan Nathanael gave blessings to move forward. Regarding the loan for the project, MB Financial has approved it, and the committee is communicating with 5/3rd. The loan interest rate may be guaranteed set and non-floating, and may be determined 5 days before closing. The interest rate, which is still to be determined, may fall between 4.5-4.99%.

Annual Luncheon/Dinner Dance in February: Date to be determined, but most likely February 10, 2018 (Saint Haralambos Feast Day). Feb 3rd is Super Bowl. Eleni Kiraizopoulos and Argy Koutsikos will chair the event.

Outreach Committee: Bessie's Table continued. Meals on Wheels outreach continued. There are new volunteers (GOYA). Parish Council will volunteer on Nov 26, 2018 for Bessie's Table.

2018 Golf Outing (9/20): R Kozlowski is reaching out for participants and sponsors for the event. \$3800 raised in sponsorships so far!

Building And Grounds: Railings are up, courtyard pavers repaved, altar stairwell repair pending. Smell of mold in 6th grade classroom was discussed.

- Q: Didn't we test the room?
 - A: Test came back negative
- Q: There were questions regarding the testing methods

Stewardship: There will be a meeting in the next few weeks

For the Good of the Parish:

- Fall fest -- Difficult to do both the Groundbreaking Gala and a Fall Fest.
- Bleachers will be obtained from a school that was replacing their bleachers. It will result in about \$70,000-\$80,000 in savings. Still looking at scoreboard options.
- Groundbreaking Date? Need the Gala Committee to look at the options.
 - Q: What's the latest date we can start before we can't continue due to freezing temperatures?
 - A: November 1st is the last day preferred to lay foundation before temperatures start to drop

Priest's Remarks:

- Clergy Laity in Boston: Congress was well attended. There were two representatives from the Patriarchate
 - There was approval of a Youth Protection Policy for all Parishes to have youthworkers and teachers screened and registered so that they know who is covered
 - It was voted down on increasing the level of commitment from parishes. Level of commitment is frozen for 3 years
- Date for Parish Council Retreat: October 27, 2018
- Fr Dean is considering honoring first responders on September 9 (closest Sunday to 9-11), with an invitation, prayers and an artoclasia.
- Handout provided regarding benefits of adding a donation tablet/kiosk for the main hallway

Next Parish Council Meeting: Aug 22, 2018

Adjournment and Prayer:

Motion to Adjourn: E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd A Rizos **Vote: Unanimous:**

Closing prayers led by Fr George at 10:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou,
Parish Council Secretary