

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 22, 2018**

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:39pm. Fr George is not present.

Parish Council Members in Attendance: C Agalliu, T Bournias, W Bozikis, A Demeros, N Gianaris, P Giannopoulos, G Giolas, G Houpis, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, E Kiriazopoulos, R Kozlowski, D Loomos, J Pierce, A Rizos, T Sikoral

Absent: N Andrews, L Konstantellos, T Karabatsos, A Koutsikos, M Pontikes

Correspondence:

Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival is in early October.

Motion: To make a \$300 donation: T Bournias / 2nd A Demeros. **Vote: 11-0-1 Pass**

Treasurer's Report:

Review of July 2018 Financials. Discussion took place regarding the variance of janitorial wages (backpage). Topic of where to allocate the garage maintenance funds.

Motion: To Transfer funds from garage maintenance account to a new account named Capital Reserves. T Sikoral / 2nd G Houpis **Vote: Pass, Unanimously**

Motion: To get a time/punch clock as long as it is under \$500: A Demeros / 2nd G Giolas **Vote: 12-1-0 Pass** *D Loomos will bring time clock, G Houpis will assist

Motion: To accept July financials: T Sikoral / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: 11-2-3 Pass**

Motion: To Approve May Financials: T Bournias / 2nd A Rizos **Vote: 10-0-3 Pass**

Motion: To Separate Phase III, Interior Decorations, Iconography Fun accounts into 3 accounts: P Giannopoulos / 2nd T Sikoral **Vote: 12-1-0 Pass**

Committee Reports

Food Fest: Review of revenue and expenses, and comparisons to past years. Discussion had of the raffle prizes. Fr Dean thanked R Kozlowski and P Giannopoulos for chairing the Food Fest

Phase III: Financing: MB Financial, 5/3rd both approved for a loan. There will be conference call August 23. First Midwest Bank is also looking to work with us. Financing up to \$900,000 with interest up to 4.99%. Money to be used as needed through construction process (at lower rate)

Fundraising: Goal to raise \$500,000 - \$1,000,000. We have a commitment of \$100,000 provided we raise another \$400,000. Parish Council members may be reaching out to more people but more information to come.

Groundbreaking Ceremony 9/16/18: To have a tent for approximately 300 people & more seating inside. The luncheon will take place after liturgy procession in North parking lot of grassy area and then to tents. Food will include chicken, souvlaki, Greek salad, rice, and cake. Parish Council members will act as servers. Dress is black pants and white tops. The formal gala will take place most likely on Nov 11th, 2018 at the Meridian.

Other: Harvest Bible Church is selling property, for \$6 million. A few members of council looked at the building, which still needs some work and is not big enough for a gym. Declined the offer at this time. They are not in the negotiation phase.

Stewardship: As of 8/22/18, there are 538 families that pledged \$332,274 (\$617/family) compared to same time last year with 528 families pledging \$283,000 (\$536/family). Discussion had as to whether to install Kiosk in lobby area. There is an installation fee plus \$50.00 monthly fee for software. Table for next month

Dinner Dance: E Kiriazopoulos: Meridian is booked. Date February 10th (from July Minutes)

Outreach: J Pierce: No new news

School Board: Staff changes as presented by email from Olympia Bournias.

Motion: To approve hiring of, after approving credentials and passing background checks with director's approval:

1) (Morning School): Marianna Memmos to replace Magda Kelesidis who became the morning schools new director. Marianna will be teaching preschool 1 English.

2) (Afternoon School) Konstantino Stamatopoulos to replace Elena Memou 3rd grade

3) (Saturday School) Mary Deligiannis to replace Efthimia Gziki for Level 3.

T Sikoral / 2nd D Loomos **Vote: 9-1-5 Pass**

Motion: For the Parish Council to develop a "checklist" that the school board approves which shall entail requirements and parameters for the hiring of teachers and provide letter of recommendation, biography, which shall be presented to the Parish Council for new positions to be filled. J Pierce / 2nd T Kanelos **Vote: 13-1-0 Pass**

Golf Outing: Will take place 9/20/18. Looking for sponsors for t-shirts of those attending. If you don't golf, you can come to the dinner at 5:00pm. Raffle is 50:50 split

Building & Grounds: No word from Mike or Ted. Lights by stairs should be changed

Priest's Remarks: Fr Dean:

1) Would like to stream liturgy online. (G Giolas & R Kozlowski to look into it)

2) The phone system needs to be fixed, only 1 line is working.

3) Alarm system is not working

Motion: To purchase phone system not to exceed \$3500. T Sikoral / 2nd A Demeros

Vote: Unanimous Pass

4) John Anton - Chanter, would like to find a way for the church to keep him on board. Would it be possible to offer any incentive for him to stay. Discussion: Q: Was there Lay Assistant for the New Budget? There is concern that we don't have funds in the budget, perhaps the Parish Council can visit where cuts can be made. Perhaps we can solicit donations for endowment of said person for X position.

T Kanelos: Parish Council Retreat - let TK/ Fr Dean know by Friday.

Adjournment and Prayer:

Motion: To Adjourn: T Sikoral / P Giannopoulos **Vote: Unanimous Pass**

Next Parish Council Meeting: Oct 17, 2018. Closing Prayers led by Fr Dean at 10:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou,
Parish Council Secretary