

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**Commencement of Meeting:** The Parish Council Meeting began with Father Dean leading prayers at 7:42pm. Father George was also present.

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

**Absent:** C Agalliu, M Pontikes, T Karabatsos

**Parish Council Retreat:** Parish Council retreat will take place October 26-27th. Location is at the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center, 920 224TH AVE KANSASVILLE, WI 53139. Check-in time is about 4pm Friday, but sessions will start on Saturday. Arrival time for those not staying overnight is 8am Saturday. About 30 people are expected to attend.

**Review of Minutes:** Review of the minutes from September 19, 2018 Parish Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**Motion:** To approve the September 19, 2018 Parish Council meeting minutes and the September 19, 2018 Executive Session as corrected. T Sikoral / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos

**Vote: 14-0-2 Pass**

**Motion:** To table the Special Session Minutes from September 23, 2018.

G Houpis / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos: **Vote: 12-0-2 Pass**

**Motion:** To table the minutes from the Budget Meeting on October 10, 2018

G Houpis / 2nd T Kanelos **Vote: 14-0-0 Pass**

**Correspondence:**

- 1) Thank you from the Orthodox Church of Korea for \$250 donation
- 2) Thank you from Metropolitan Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival for \$300 donation
- 3) Announcement of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ss. Constantine and Helen Church in Rockford, IL.

**Motion:** To donate \$150 for half page to the adbook for 100 Year Anniversary of St Constantine and Helen Church in Rockford. G Giolas / 2nd T Sikoral **Vote: 10-4-0 Pass**

**Treasurer's Report:** Led by D Loomos. Review of the August 2018 Financials. Discussion of the Phase III accounts had. Consideration taken to move money to gain benefit from interest earned, maintain FDIC insurance, and make money easily accessible for when funds start getting withdrawn for building.

**Motion:** To August Financials with the following changes: Moving interest income to restricted accounts and combining fixed assets. G Giolas / 2nd E Kiriazopoulos **Vote: 13-1-0 Pass**

**Golf Outing:** A Demeros and R. Kozlowski reported that they expect there to be a profit of about \$13,000.

**Stewardship:** Led by G Giolas. As of October 16, 2018, 605 families pledged \$356,651, with an average of \$590 per family. During the same time last year, 582 family pledged \$301,083, or about \$517 per family. It is trending upwards, with the highest it's been in the last 4 to 5 years.

**Stewardship Committee:** Led by G Giolas. A new stewardship card and a new campaign is being developed and is to be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

Live Streaming of Sunday Liturgy will take place with existing cameras and audio software with the assistance of George Papachristou. It will be streamed in high definition 1080 pixels. N Gianaris also may be able to assist.

**November 11th Gala:** E Kiriazopoulos. Deciding on flower arrangements is the only pending issue. Average cost per head will be \$68. It will be a brief program with youth in college to share a few words, Fr George, and His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael.

**Building and Grounds:** Non-skid strips for the stairs are finished. The heating unit above the office needs to be repaired.

**St Haralambos Feastday:** We will have a dinner Banquet on February 10, 2019, to honor our community's 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Eleni Kiriazopoulos is chairperson.

**Men's Event:** Angelo Demeros asked the parish council to support the Event and to commit to selling tickets.

**Outreach Committee:** Led by J Pierce: A meeting will take place October 23rd at 7:30pm. Parish Council will volunteer at Bessie's Table at 11/26.

**Phase III:** Led by P Giannopoulos. IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) has necessary information, as does MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District). The church has been given the O.K. to start digging. Looking to put in a silt fence and a construction fence.

**Budget:** Led by T Sikoral. Waiting for Chris Balabanos to verify:

- 1) Expenses
- 2) Automobile
- 3) Postage Marking
- 4) Outreach/Inreach splitting

Discussion had regarding raising funds for Phase III; Fr Dean stated we need to be a team as a Parish Council. P Giannopoulos presented idea of providing a Parish List with phone numbers for Parish Council Members to call and ask if they are going to the Gala. First option is for each council member to provide 5 to 10 names of people that they want to reach out to and ask:

- 1) Will they will be attending the Groundbreaking Gala November 11th
- 2) Have they thought about matching a contribution, or increasing contribution if they already have.

The other option is to choose names from the list or take a page and call those on the list. PC Members are asked to email a list to Perry/Lambros of people they would like to reach out and call. Other ideas include hosting group meetings either at someone's home or at the Church.

**For the Good of the Parish:** Next Parish Council will be held November 28th, 2018. General Assembly meeting will be December 9th, 2018 and if no quorum, on December 16th, 2018.

Mailing of the General Assembly agenda has to go to parishioners at least 10 days in advance and should include a copy of the approved Parish Council Budget.

MB Financial Bank is the bank St Haralambos will move forward with and obtain the loan for Phase III. A check of \$3959 will be needed for the appraisal and environmental (hired by the bank). The check should come out of Phase III.

**Priest's Remarks:**

- Background Checks are being performed on those employed by the Church, including all Greek School teachers and youth workers. This includes Fr Dean & Fr George.
- November 7th: Great Vespers for Feast Day of Taxiarchai
- November 8th: Liturgy for Holy Taxiarchai Feast Day
- His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael will be here both days and will ordain Christian Sisko to the Holy Diaconate at the Liturgy.

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

Closing Prayers led by Fr Dean at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou,  
Parish Council Recording Secretary