

**HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2019**

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

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

Absent: G Giolas, T Sikoral

Minutes and Correspondence

Motion to approve Parish Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2018 as corrected made by E Kiriazopoulos / 2nd A Rizos **Vote** 11-0-5 **Pass**

Motion to table the December 2018 Financials Report P Gianopoulos / W Bozikis **Vote:**
Unanimous Pass

Correspondence:

Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Laity Assembly will be held September 25-29, 2019 in the Twin Cities.

Committee Reports

Anniversary Dinner:

Contracts received in the mail for Anniversary Dinner. Silent auction: We need to solicit donations of vouchers/coupons and ads for the book. Talk to Argy or Eleni if you can reach out to donors.

Phase III: All permits are in. Next step is to identify subcontractors that go on the permits. No open items with IDOT or MWRD.

Outreach: Argy cooked for Meals on Wheels, her impressions: We had 29 meals that we prepared, maybe about 5 individuals that delivered the meals. It was very rewarding experience. Philoptochos indicated that they may be taking on an opportunity to cook for Meals on Wheels

Next date: Feb 23rd 2019. Next Bessie's Table is Jan 28th, 2019. J Karalekas is donating chicken. Next month, a gentleman from Ss Peter & Paul will volunteer to cook at Bessie's Table.

Building & Grounds: Mike: The oven hood here is finally in compliance. They redid lamps in the church.

Stewardship: Jan 16, 2019: 124 families pledged \$97,030 and in 2018: 144 families pledged \$118,150. Brief discussion had with budget from last year and meeting goal. 2018 year-end Stewardship actual number was \$379,000.

Deacon John and Kyriako Anastasiadis are joining the Stewardship committee. Review the Stewardship cards this year. G Giolas is donating laptop to livestream on Facebook and

Youtube Sunday services. Stewardship: went up, look at having more frequent payments (monthly stewardship payments vs once yearly). St Basil has a tablet in the Narthex to take donations, which has been very successful.

For the Good of the Parish:

- Philoptochos 2/21/19 at the Pickwick. St Haralambos Philoptochos and 3 other parishes are joining to fundraise. Movie is *Faith, Hope & Love* fundraiser \$25/ticket, includes popcorn & Drink. 7:30pm.
- Bowling: 1/4/19. Had 100 people there. 22 teams of 4. Over 90 people there, positive feedback. Bowling alley can fit up to 32 teams. Currently have about 24 team. Looking for teams of 4. Next date to bowl is 2/1/19.
- More effective as a Parish Council by: Creating 5 groups of 4 people each of the Parish Council. What are the most pressing issues/topics that can be addressed. Top 5 or 10 topics and we will vote on them online before next meeting so that more people will be working on one topic that we think is the most important to achieve. 1/29/19 - 2nd meeting to review topics. 7:00pm
- Communicating with our parishioners: Weekly email, any comments? Have a "Who's Who" in the parish emails that get sent out about a family? Consider more General Assemblies? Develop a questionnaire to ask how to get our people more engaged in the church?
- Can the annual audit be done earlier in the year?
- Be extra aware when signing checks. There have been some emails hacked and other email accounts that have been made to look like our emails.
- Hair & Beauty property sold to Harvest Bible Chapel.

Priests Remarks:

- Medical insurance for Father Dean is switching to Medicare, which includes supplemental coverage.
- Father Dean was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Brookline, MA. First meeting is to take place next week. May ask for fundraising. Discussion of seminary closing part of the liberal art school. Father Dean is very humbled to be asked, and he will put in honest effort. (Member of Academic Affairs Committee -- curriculum effectiveness.) No deadline to have fundraising met by, may ask for \$100 from individuals in Parish Council.

Open Items:

The heating in the classrooms went out (Discovered this past Monday). Need to investigate replacing the heating unit. Look into using our capital improvement funds.

Motion to Adjourn T Kanelos / 2nd G Houpis Vote Unanimous Pass

Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou, Recording Secretary