

HOLY TAXIARHAI and SAINT HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 2018

Commencement of Meeting

The General Assembly meeting began with Father Dean leading prayer at 12:24pm

Election of Meeting Officers

Motion: P Giannopoulos nominated Richard Kozlowski to be chairman of the General Assembly. He accepted. There were no other nominations.

Motion: T Sikoral nominated Krystal Ioannou to be the Assembly Secretary. She accepted. There were no other nominations.

Review of General Assembly meeting minutes took place, for December 10, 2017 and for May 23, 2018.

Motion: T Sikoral / 2nd N Andrews to approve the December 10, 2017 meeting minutes. **Vote: 10-1-3 Pass**

Motion: N Andrews / A Rizos to approve the May 23, 2018 General Assembly Meeting Minutes. Discussion: There were 96 people at the May meeting. There was a request to have in print, the approved Amendments to Parish By-Laws which were presented at the May meeting. The Amended Parish By-Laws will be included as an additional document for the May General Assembly Minutes

Motion: A Rizos / 2nd N Andrews to withdraw the motion to accept the May 2018 General Assembly meeting minutes.

Motion: D Houpis / 2nd P Giannopoulos to Table the May 23, 2018 General Assembly meeting minutes. **Vote: 11-3-2 Pass**

Board of Election Nominations

A Rizos nominated Carol Couris, she accepted

N Andrews nominated Koula Kalogeros, she accepted

Gus Koulogeorge nominated Andrew Andrews, he accepted

P Giannopoulos nominated D Pontikes, pending acceptance

There were no further nominations. G. Koulogeorge moved to elect the four to be the 2018 Board of Elections. T. Sikoral seconded and they were elected by acclamation.

Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Presented by P Giannopoulos. The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were presented with a handout document, also included at the end of these meeting minutes. The objective of these amendments was to have St Haralambos become a not-for-profit corporation. These articles do not conflict with the Parish By-Laws or Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The church will then become an organization which can receive donations as a non-profit, on a National level (such as on Amazon when making payments, etc). The document contains nine (9) articles in total.

Motion: T Sikoral / 2nd N Andrews to approve the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of St. Taxiarchai & St Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church as presented via a three page document at this General Assembly meeting October 21, 2018. **Vote: 22-0-0 Pass**

2017 Audit Report

Motion: T Sikoral / 2nd Kosta Koulogeorge to table the Audit Report (G Houpis is not present)

Vote: 16-0-5 Pass

Motion: T Sikoral / 2nd P Giannopoulos to table the election of the 2018 Board of Auditors.**Vote: 19-0-2 Pass**

Phase III Update:

Discussion led by P Giannopoulos. The Architectural drawings are finished. Water management permits have been sent to the village. We are waiting for the Illinois Department of Transportation for final approval in the next few weeks. Regarding fundraising, a \$100,000 commitment from a foundation, with matching contributions, is coming together. There is approximately \$1.4 million in the bank, but we expect to have \$2 million in the bank by the end of the year. Comments/discussion had from the assembly include:

- 1) Increasing communication
- 2) Revisiting people who pledged to ensure the pledges are fulfilled. It is urgent to have the 2 million in the bank as soon as possible
- 3) Lack of communication regarding the Food Festival outcome this year
- 4) Apathy of the Parish and of the Parish Council
- 5) Parish Council is trying to do what is best. A lot gets done in the background in terms with upkeep of the grounds that a lot of Parish Council Members are involved with
- 6) Monthly update of Phase III progress should be communicated
- 7) Update the Visions
- 8) D Houpis thanked P Giannopoulos for his service
- 9) Father Dean stated we, as a Parish, are a family
- 10) There is a lot of involvement of the youth in basketball programs
- 11) The schools are full and are expanding
- 12) There are many opportunities for people to be engaged

Iconography

Brief discussion had with regards to language of the iconography for upcoming project. The Iconography Committee will discuss this and report to the General Assembly.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: N Andrews / 2nd A Rizos . **Vote: Unanimous, Pass**

Closing Prayers

The General Assembly concluded with prayers led by Father Dean at 1:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Ioannou, Recording Secretary

Richard Kozlowski, Assembly Chairman

Fr. Constantine P. Botsis, Parish Priest