

HOLY TAXIARHAI and SAINT HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES for OCTOBER 20, 2019

Commencement of Meeting:

The General Assembly started at 12:15 p.m. with Father George leading in prayer and Parish Council president, Richard Kozlowski, calling the meeting into order. 66 stewards in attendance.

Election of Meeting Officers:

T Bournias nominated R Kozlowski as General Assembly Chairman; nomination accepted; no other nominations made for said position.

C Agalliu nominated A Koutsikos as recording secretary; nomination accepted; no other nominations made for said position.

Minutes of the 8/25/19 General Assembly were circulated to those in attendance.

Motion: Motion to approve the 8/25/19 minutes made by E Antoniadis/ 2nd C Agalliu

Motion passed and minutes approved.

Nomination of Board of Elections: **1)** A Demeros nominated Andrew Andrews **2)** K Kalogeros nominated Carol Couris **3)** O Bournias nominated Anna Sikoral. All nominated accepted and were designated as the 2019 Board of Election for upcoming Parish Council board election.

Audit Report: Motion by A Koutsikos/2nd E Antoniadis to table the 2018 Audit report. Motion carried.

Motion to nominate Board of Auditors for 2020: **1)** A Koutsikos nominated Georgia Demeros; **2)** C Agalliu nominated Ellen Antoniadis **3)** A Sikoral nominated Koula Kalogeros. Those nominated accepted and motion passed.

Phase III update: Presented by R Kozlowski who advised that the foundation work is almost completed, the piers are erected, and the cement will be poured for basement. Foresee the completion of the construction by June 2020, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Thus far 2.7 million collected of the 3.1 million pledged. Overall cost projected as 3.97 million. A Andrews asked for further specifics and additional discussion had, i.e. why delays arose as to the foundation work.

For the Good of the Parish: Discussion had as to previously General Assembly approval of spending up to \$55,000.00 for the replacement of the air conditioning unit(s)-advised of the progress of replacement.

General discussion with question posed by O Bournias as to why updated P.C. minutes are not posted routinely and via various modes in order to ensure all parishioners have means to review same. That led into discussion by G Giolas requesting that the Phase III committee post a project progress time line.

Motion: made to by G Giolas that the Phase III committee post a time line/progress report as to the progression of Phase III with updates to post on a monthly basis and made available for viewing by various print and or media modes/2nd by O Bournias. Motion passed.

Next topic raised by O Bournias was whether P.C. meetings are open to parish stewards/members- the meetings are an open forum-was noted that those who attend that are not on P.C. do not have voting rights.

Discussion as to easily identifying who is on P.C. board. **Motion:** to post a picture/ person's name for each existing P.C. member, in the lobby; 2nd L Kostantellos. Motion passed.

Announcement made that there are 11 P.C. elected positions that will be coming up in December 2019 for the new calendar year 2020. All encouraged to consider submitting their nomination if interested. Father George provided a summary of what requisites and responsibilities are relevant to be a P.C. member.

Priest's Comments: Father George started with noting how refreshing it was to go forward with the General Assembly on the 1st day called for the assembly, as there was a quorum.

Phase III was identified as an opportunity to look at the parish budget next General Assembly and then consider the potential we have to give of our time and support the parish. Father George emphasized that as a parish our goals should be to bring Christ into our life.

Youth Protection Policy implemented by the Archdiocese is mandatory for all churches to identify an administrator and complete the requirements by 12-31-19. A Koutsikos, as Youth Safety Administrator, discussed the requirements necessary for all youth ministry volunteers. G Demeros also discussed what the Metropolis policies have been implemented for this program. Noted that all Parish Council members will go through the vetting/ educational program for the program.

Discussion had as to certain topics discussed and or decisions made at recent Clergy Laity: the sale of Metropolitan property located at 40 East Burton Place will result an estimated 3-5 million (@ 700k needed for repairs). Once sold the proceeds will be used to purchase another property; any surplus will be placed in a restricted endowment fund; topic of contributions to the St. Iakovos Retreat Center; topic of a strategic plan being set forth for the entire Metropolis; topic discussion also included clergy wellbeing.

Attention by the General Assembly was again directed to the topic of the upcoming P.C. election. T Andrews requested additional clarification as to requisites to be a member which was provided by Father George and other P.C. members in attendance. O Bournias asked what the parish by-laws dictate and G Demeros was able to also add some additional information from her knowledge and in the capacity as legal counsel to the Metropolitan. Suggested that the Parish by-laws be posted as well as the School Board by-laws.

Motion: Motion to adjourn made by 1st G Giolas/ 2nd K Koulogeorge. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Argy Koutsikos
Recording secretary