

HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

General Assembly MINUTES FOR March 6, 2022

Commencement of Meeting: Father Dean starts the meeting at 11:50 am with a prayer followed by the request for nominations for Meeting Chairperson and Secretary.

Richard Kozlowski nominates George Giolas for Chairperson. No other nominations. G Giolas accepts.

Tom Zavos nominates Nick Megremis for Assembly Secretary. No other nominations. N Megremis accepts.

Minutes of previous General Assembly read by N Megremis. **Motion to approve those minutes:**

George Anastasiadis/2nd Kosta Kooloorge. **Vote: 25-0-0 Pass Unanimously**

G Giolas introduces suggestion from Parish Council: The Parish Council proposes that Article IV, Section 1 be amended to read: "A quorum for transacting business at Parish Assemblies is met when any 30 stewards having voting privileges are present." Currently, quorum is met when ten percent of all stewards are present.

Motion with the above language made by:

George Coologeorgen/2nd Eleni Kiriazopoulos.

Discussion: R Kozlowski asks how old does one need to be to vote. Fr. Dean responds saying 18, but they should be stewards on their own and not under a family stewardship with parents. G Anastasiadis asked if each spouse of a household has a vote and was answered that yes, each has a vote. Tom Bournias ask if we perhaps limit ourselves when we say 30 people (language should specifically say "at least 30 people). Olympia Bournias mentions that not everyone received the letter notice about the General Assembly on time. Tom Zavos suggests that a reminder should be sent via other methods (including email and Social Media posts) along with a letter. Tom Andrews suggests that the letter could be sent earlier. Tom Zavos reminds us that we should not update the quorum minimum out of convenience, but we should do what is best for the church and its parishioners. Olympia Bournias suggested an online straw poll, to gage interest and attendance numbers for future meetings. Perry Giannopoulos and Mike Pontikes suggested having different quorum minimums for "regular" General Assembly meetings and another minimum for meeting that require more critical items like financing and debt. Georgia Demeros suggested a by-law committee be created to review any suggested changes before any actual changes are implemented. Katie Anastasiadis agreed that a by-law committee would be a good idea.

Motion was Withdrawn by George Coologeorgen/2nd Eleni Kiriazopoulos

New Motion: To Establish a By-Laws Review Committee to review changes in General Assembly quorum minimums and to make other amendments in order to qualify for 501c3 exemption status. Said committee should be chaired by a Parish Council Member.

Perry Giannopoulos/2nd Richard Kozlowski: Vote: 27-0-0 Pass Unanimously

George Anastasiadis presented the 2019 Audit Review.

Motion to accept 2019 Audit

R Kozlowski/2nd Kosta Coologeorge: Vote: 26-0-1 Pass Unanimously

Georgia Demeros presented the 2020 Audit Review.

Motion to accept 2020 Audit

Tom Andrew/2nd George Anastasiadis: Vote: 21-0-2 Pass Unanimously

Other Discussion: Perry Giannopoulos suggested a yearly report for bank statements and also a Treasurer's log outside of Parish Council minutes to easily track deposits. Olympia Bournias suggests that future Audit Committees be kept involved with updates and changes that are being implemented by the Financial Committee based on their suggestions.

Election of 2021 Board of Auditors:

George Coologeorgen nominates Georgia Demeros, Koula Kalogeros, George Anastasiadis, and Dimitri Haralampopoulos.

Vote: 20-0-4 Pass Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn: George Anastasiadis / 2nd Eleni Kiriazopoulos. 24-0-0 Vote Pass Unanimously

Closing Prayers led by Fr Dean and meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Megremis, Assembly Secretary