Dormition Parish Council Minutes 4/10/16

Meeting called to order at 12.20


MAJESTIC/PARKING LOT: Guests Holly Farrington (Dir. Of Operations) and Maura Fitzgerald (Vice President) of Majestic request Church approves draft parking management plan for DRB application. They say this will not change church’s parking status same, but allows for business day parking. They returned to DRB a second time and don’t have to appeal till after May 17. They note the formalized agreement they presented would not be transferrable. Majestic has its own insurance. When asked if Majestic had a permit to cut trees, they had to look into it. Nothing is listed in draft agreement with regards to ploughing and services. They explained that Majestic doesn’t have a ploughing business and that about 10 cars a day rented out of church lot.

Parish council discussion follows, when we note that our insurance doesn’t cover parking lot. There has been erosion in our lot. Georgia notes that once there is a contract, it looks like a business relationship. Paul makes a motion that we be a co-applicant on the Majestic contract. Steve notes that there is not a huge benefit from this relationship, adding that if we did a true cost-benefit analysis, ploughing would cost perhaps $2,000 a year. This year would have been $500. The value to Majestic is clearly larger than to us.

Group decides to take up the issue next week. We will consider erosion and a limit to the number of cars.


TREASURERS’ REPORT: For March, there was a loss of $4,000. There were not many house repairs and takeout dinner drove up income. Note that money has not been taken out of Ducas fund yet to reimburse checking account for house repairs. There are also two unpaid invoices totaling $13,379.06. Ducas amount is now at $35,454.29. The $70 chicken bill not yet included in takeout expenses. Recent Plageman bill paid of $1,800 (returning veneer tiles/railing) was taken out of church accounts. Will be taken out of Cunavelis fund, probably next Sunday if both Tampas and Nectar there.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Jackie. Eleni seconds. Passes.
Dave will give report on bookstore at next meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: We have stopped all work by Plageman. Council reviews all payments to date/breakdown of costs and overages.

There is an amount owed to Rice Lumber. We also have 12,250 in credit (veneer stone from Trowel Trades of $4798.83 and some $8,000 from Plageman owed).

Suggestion to sever with Mike Plageman, because of his mark-up in prices and lack of receptivity. We will be our own general contractor for remaining three major items to finish: blue stone, electrical, and railing. The railing is most expensive. There is some landscaping work needed and cement, plus panic hardware. Georgia and Father will meet with Plagemen this week.

We need to clarify requirements from city for panic hardware. We have a remaining $38,000 to work with that was approved by General Assembly. We purchased lights but mike hasn’t paid subcontractor for them; we need to get these. Plageman must pay $3,000 to Shelburne company to give us the lights.

Sotos asks if project really worth $129,000 spent so far. We did not have a contract with Plageman when work began in late September; the process to create a contract was interrupted when Fr. Ephraim left.

We will check with city if new permits needed; probably not as the only difference is veneer stone. Steps going down made of concrete are complete.

PARISH HOUSE REPAIRS - Finished most, only a few remain. Jackie makes a motion to replace stove. Nectar seconds it. Passes. Dishwasher is somewhat old, but we can reexamine year. There was water damage to the floor in past; fortunately it was not structural. Group will do some paining either 4/23 or 5/7. We will get bids for a privacy fence for parish house.

KITCHEN - Request to use kitchen by Mariana’s dad for a new catering business. We will discuss further with him as he gets license and insurance.

HOLY WEEK – Father has a mailing in the works for donations. Council will do Palm Sunday dinner and Mother’s Day flowers, plus a Paschal Dinner. AHEPA does egg hunt. Discussion of Easter items. For Palm Sunday, Georgia will make mac/cheese for kids and Nectar/Sotos will make fish & rice. It will be $10 adults, kids free (18 under). Georgia will buy mothers’ flowers and be reimbursed. May 16: George Alvanos will cook lamb.

Georgia will circulate sign-up list for services. Need more people Friday and Saturday. Let’s print foreign language pamphlets.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY- Will propose new bylaws and fee structure for sacraments. We will suggest adding to bylaws that for capital improvements we need three bids.

LOCKS- They are changing for church house and church.

ADMINISTRATION – Father suggests council to consider in future hiring administrator for 2-3 hours a week of bookkeeping and paperwork.

MUSIC- Father suggests new microphone/stand for chanters and discusses if choir setup efficient. Angelike will help find. **Motion by Georgia to purchase mic and stand not exceeding $700. Seconded by Eleni. Passes.**

FATHER MOVE - Father will go home for a few days to help with moving. Hopefully family will be here by mid-May.

OTHER – A suggestion was made to consider replacing church carpet, due to spots all over rug. There was black/green wax at candle stand. New Liturgy books order form arrived.

*Georgia makes a motion to adjourn. Nancy seconds. Passes.*

*Meeting ends at 2pm*