

Dormition Parish Council Meeting 5/29/16

Present: Justin Griffing, Georgia Maheras, Angelike Contis, Sotos Papaseraphim , Jacqueline Maria, Nancy Pappas-Trombley, Nectar Rorris, Lynn Lambesis, Steve Yialiades, Eleni Churchill. Father Andreas Papayiannis.

Meeting called to order at noon.

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Treasurers Report - In the April report, there was a \$3,000 profit. Have \$10,019.70 in checking and \$76949.45 in the camp account. There is a CD of \$606.80 that matures tomorrow and a 24-month CD (\$672.69) maturing in September.

- Due to Justin's being ill, Georgia processed Holy Week donations (including some \$4,000 cash), which were categorized as Easter, but may have actually belonged in some other categories. No utilities are listed in April report, nor internet, because not paid in this period. New parish stove cost \$699 .
- Some plumbing issues have surfaced in house, so building and grounds will bring up with company that did work. Note that there hasn't been a shift from building accounts into checking account yet to make up for recent house/ramp work.
- Georgia recommends prior year's actuals as well as Jan-May Report.

Motion to approve April treasurers report made by Nectar, and seconded by Steve. All approve, Sotos abstains.

Justin recommends we get 501(c)3 status from IRS. Fr. Andreas recommends and council agrees to present a resolution at Clergy-Laity to request from the Archdiocese a Metropolis-wide 501(c)3 status, to prevent each parish from the burden of associated costs.

There have been Dept. of Labor changes regarding overtime laws, but it is not expected to impact us.

Justin notes a change in how FICA withholding is supposed to take place. (We should not have been withholding social security and Medicare.) We will correct this.

A motion is made by Nectar, on Justin's suggestion, to order cloud-based version of Quickbooks software. Angelike seconds it. It passes.

Clergy-Laity Conference – Father is going and suggests we open it to stewards if they'd like to go at their own expense.

Majestic/Parking Lot – Their concerns will be reviewed at DRB meeting in July, so we can discuss, at General Assembly, whether or not we should apply for a special permit to make our lot commercially zoned. One advantage of a contract is that we might be covered under Majestic's liability insurance.

Steve makes a motion to enter an agreement with Majestic to allow vehicles averaging 10 a day (non-Sundays or other special church days) where Majestic would provide ploughing plus sidewalks, plus a payment of \$500/month. Justin seconds the motion. It passes.

Neighbor Lawsuit– Georgia received a call from Josette’s lawyer informing us that she would sue us regarding flooding in her basement that she blames on our parking lot. We asked for information to submit to insurance company, but have not heard back. Georgia has consulted on the matter with our lawyer, Jim Wick. Lynn will look into potential erosion/wear & tear of parking lot.

Nectar makes a motion to send a letter through our lawyer for Josette to move her fence off our property. It is seconded by Steve and passes unanimously.

Ramp – We had to cancel a Mike Plageman meeting, but he has not responded to emails regarding a \$7,000 refund and other pending issues. Eleni suggests we call to set up a meeting and then send a certified letter.

Discussion of ramp extra drainage work required by City of Burlington and need to both reach out to Plageman and speak to our lawyer about options. Letter will focus on open issues (pipes, light fixture, etc) and include a deadline. Georgia will draft this for group’s review.

Cleaning – As George Bennis does not wish to continue cleaning, group decides to hire Mariana do it. ***Steve makes a motion to pay Mariana \$50 to do a list of tasks to clean church. Eleni seconds it. Passes. (Sotos leaves before vote).***

Motion to end meeting by Justin, seconded by Steve.

Meeting ends at 1.01 pm.