

Dormition Greek Church

Parish Council Meeting 11/20/16

Meeting called to order 12:11

Present: Fr. Andreas Papayiannis, Georgia Maheras, Angelike Contis, Sotos Papaseraphim, Nancy Pappas-Trombley, Eleni Churchill, Justin Griffing. Also: Nick Danigelis and Theodora & Vasilios Contis.

SOLAR - Sotos suggests we look into solar panels, as we spend \$1500/month on electricity. Angelike will look into it for application before end of year. Suggestion to look into solar investment at Catholic Church in Rutland.

BEQUEST: Check arrived for \$360,862.90 from Estate of Mary J. Pappas. Justin suggests to open a separate holding account for total, and then figure out possibly splitting into different accounts, due to FDIC insurance issues. Discussion of board vs. non-board members on account. Nick Danigelis raises estate's baptismal font request, asking that all the money from the account go into a separate account, and not be spent without procedure of using committee created at last Gen. Assembly.

MAJESTIC: After receiving notice that commercial vehicles can't park in our lot from City of Burlington (warn a \$200/day fine), Majestic removed commercial vehicles. Some employee vehicles still remain. Georgia will contact them about continuing to plough, in exchange for employee parking.

CREDIT CARD: Father recommends debit card instead of church credit card. Discussion about receipts, existing credit card points reimbursement and options for debit cards that earn spending points.

Motion by Nancy to close church credit card and obtain debit card. Seconded by Justin, with a limit of \$2,000/month that would go up during Festival. Passes unanimously.

Will have clear policy on usage of new card.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Net revenue finally positive. Justin will double check tray amount, as it seemed low. Discussion of plaque for Mary Pappas. The pending transfers between accounts have been done.

Discussion of which info to include on church bulletin. Justin suggests: total expenses, monthly stewardship, candle stand/tray collection. Idea of stewardship pie chart visual.

Sotos requests info regarding candle expenses vs. income, as well as sacrament income. Justin will get three years of candle income/expenses.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Eleni. Seconded by Angelike. Passes. Nancy abstains.

Justin, Georgia and Father working on a new reimbursement form. Treasurer will authorize each reimbursement, unless Treasurer needs to be reimbursed (in which case, Georgia will do it). Sheets will be shared with auditors.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Need to remove dead bush in front and check in with neighbor who offered to trim back trees in back. We need to return survey sticks removed due to ramp construction.

Ramp update: Forest White, who does bluestone, is waiting for the rest of the stone to come to finish. Eleni met with Don Welch architect and Rich Franklin, who will do the railing. Rich will give detailed

estimate for railing around patio and railing to go down steps. May need railing on both inside and outside. Concern about water on stone steps; need salt in winter if water gathers.

Door has hardware, but has warped more. Carpenter has suggested to build it up on the bottom. Eleni suggests possibility of swapping two door pieces. They lock, but it was a mistake to cut doors.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Debbie Rorris to mail out info tomorrow. Address list/labels needed.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: It will be held in two weeks. New Stewardship chair needed as Steve steps down next year. In January there will be a mailing of new forms. Discussion of volunteering time vs. money.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOLLOWUP: Minutes to be provided soon. Council will host the Vasilopita meal on Jan. 8th.

TAKE-OUT DINNER: Raised \$3500, about \$500 less than last year. Sotos thankful for having a lot of help. About 268 people attended vs. 350 in 2015. Suggestion to hold closer to Thanksgiving next time.

Sotos suggests creating an events email list, to email people interested in special events. Discussion of Front Porch Forum & Facebook ads. Angelike will write press release for St. Nicholas shrine donation.

COMMITTEES: Justin reviews how committees might conform better to Uniform Parish Regulation requirements. Group will look at this in January. Father recommends that the Vice President chair some of required committees.

ELECTIONS: Discussion of Metropolis requirement that nominees travel to New Hampshire camp on Dec. 10th. Winter driving poses a possible obstacle. Possibility of Fr. Ted coming to Burlington. Three nominees have declined. Elections will be Dec. 11th and 18th.

Angelike motion to adjourn. Sotos seconds. Passes.

Meeting adjourns at 2pm.