

Minutes for Parish Council meeting held on January 22, 2017, the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke: the Sunday of Zacchaios

Call to order and reading of the parish council covenants

President Georgia Maheras called the meeting to order and Fr. Andreas led the attendees in review of the parish council covenants. Observance of the covenants will serve to insure that disagreements are handled in a manner appropriate for Orthodox Christians.

Attendees

Present were Rev. Fr. Andreas Papayiannis, Georgia Maheras, Justin Griffing, Vasilios Contis, Paul Henninge, Nicholas Pitt, Sotos Papaserafchim, Nectar Rorris, Nancy Trombley and Roy Barnes

Not present were Lynn Lambesis and Dave Hunt

Unfinished Business

1. Review of minutes from prior meeting
 - a. Justin made a motion to accept the minutes. Nectar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Construction project
 - a. Nectar offered an update.
 - b. No decision has been made yet regarding the wall.
 - c. Completion of the project will require fair weather and will not be possible during winter.
 - d. Georgia said a financial update on the matter will be available in approximately one week.
3. Committees
 - a. A letter will be forthcoming to the parish identifying active committees and their committee heads. Building and Grounds Committee will be headed by Nectar, Festival Committee by Nick, and Communications Committee by Justin. Committee heads for Stewardship, Finance and Environmental will be decided.

New Business

1. Church cleaning
 - a. Georgia communicated an incident wherein Mariana believed she had been fired from her role. Vasili spoke to the incident, affirming that he did not fire Mariana but only told her the church did not require cleaning at the time. Some contentious discussion ensued. The council determined that Mariana and her family will continue to clean the church, if they are willing. Georgia will contact Mariana.
 - b. Georgia proposed a cleaning checklist.
2. Calendar
 - a. A 2017 parish schedule draft was submitted

- b. Fr. Andreas noted a conflict between the Saturday of Lazarus and the bake sale/takeout dinner. Fr. Andreas proposed moving the bake sale to another date to insure that the church and fellowship hall would be available to the children of the parish, as Lazarus Saturday is a traditional date for a Sunday school retreat. Nancy and others objected, believing it would not be feasible to move the bake sale to another day. The issue was tabled.
3. Nick is named the Parish Council representative to Philoptochos
4. Liturgical items
 - a. Fr. Andreas communicated the need for certain liturgical items to be replaced, including the Gospel Book, which is sadly found to be in poor condition. Father proposes a campaign to raise funds. He will provide a list of items which require replacement.
5. Hall rental
 - a. Nectar inquired regarding the renting of the fellowship hall. The hall continues to be periodically rented out.
6. Church financials on the Sunday bulleting
 - a. Beginning soon the prior month's financials will be noted on the back of the Sunday bulletin. Prior month financials will be available on the last Sunday of the month after the month being reflected. Roy noted the need to insure that stewardship as a portion of the total parish's financial needs is clearly communicated in the bulletin, as in "Currently, stewardship only supplies xx% of the parish's financial needs."

Adjournment

1. Nick made a motion to adjourn. Nectar seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Signature Authority

Rev. Fr. Andreas Papayiannis

Georgia Maheras, Parish Council President

Roy Barnes, Secretary

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