

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Minutes, 06/15/10, Approved

PC Members Present: Fr. Michael Eaccarino, Nicholas Chagaris, Chris Palaidis, Harry Andropoulos, Chris Angelou, Johanna Kossifidis, Nicholas Manias, Nikitas Manias, Gary Megaloudis, Nick Nicholas, Manuel Pondakos, Dean Prodromitis, Charles Samarkos, George Stamas, John Stamas, Jim Stavropoulos, Georgia Tsangaris, Manuel Tsesmelis **PC Members**

Not Present: Karen Markopulos

Fr. Michael led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Fr. Michael discussed the May 2010 Orthodox Observer article written by Fr. Luke Veronis, "Building Up a Healthy Church" for his Meditation.

Secretary's Report: **May 18, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously.** Chris Palaidis made a motion to accept the May 18th PC minutes, with no changes, 2nd by Chris Angelou. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report: Harry Andropoulos - Revenues are not where they need to be, Stewardship is off (down) 30% from last year, down \$29,000. Charles Samarkos made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and 2nd by Nick Nicholas. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report: George Stamas – No Report

Faith In Action Ministry: Cathedral Renovation Project – Nikita Manias - Almost to the finish line the bid review is in process, working on brochures and fundraising is being discussed. **NO MOTIONS.**

Greek School: Chris Palaidis reported for the 2009/2010 school year and there was discussion for next year's curriculum. **NO MOTIONS**

Pre-School: Harry Andropoulos gave a Pre-School update. Charlie Samarkos would like to see more income from the Pre-School to the Church and would also like to see Financials. **NO MOTIONS**

Greek Dance: Georgia Tsangaris' report from Dr. Mary Coros had been emailed for everyone to review. There was some discussion about the 501C and confusion of "The Boards". Nick Chagaris suggested the Levendia group meet with the St. Nicholas ECYD committee to discuss and clarify questions and concerns. **NO MOTIONS**

ECYD Committee: Chris Angelou reported they are dealing with issues of how some youth are being treated by Youth Advisors, parents' complaints; Levendia and its 501c Status; Nick Chagaris recommended that the ECYD Committee meet with the Levendia Board and discuss concerns. **NO MOTIONS**

Catechetical/Youth Ministry Team: Dean Prodromitis briefly discussed upcoming events. GOYA has Jr. Olympics on June 18th in Tampa. Catechism School is on hiatus until new Ecclesiastic Year. **NO MOTIONS**

Real Estate Report: John Stamas **NO REPORT**

- **Human Resources** – Nick Chagaris for Karen Markopulos
Karen sent out Job Descriptions for the Office Staff. Some issues are payments falling through the cracks
- Charles Samarkos made a motion, if someone wants to reserve for a sacrament they have 30 days to pay fees for sacrament, (cantor & organist) if it's not paid then a notice goes out and give them 10 days; at end of 10 days you lose the day; 2nd by Chris Palaidis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dean Prodromitis made a motion to include a sexton fee for each sacrament of \$50 to pay the office in advance with other fees; 2nd by Chris Palaidis, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Catering/Facility Rental Committee: Georgia Tsangaris

Committee came up with rental rates for the local Schools and Community for use of Theofilos and Fr. Tryfon Halls.

Georgia Tsangaris made a motion to charge \$400 for a day event and \$600 for an evening event with a flat fee of \$350 for kitchen use for Theofilos Hall during the week, Mon. – Thurs., 2nd by Charles Samarkos. **Motion passed.**

Georgia Tsangaris made a motion to charge \$250 for an evening or day event with a flat fee of \$150 for kitchen use of Fr. Tryfon Hall during the week, Mon. – Thurs., 2nd by Charles Samarkos. **Motion passed.**

- Georgia Tsangaris made a motion for the following charges for Fundraisers:
 - Charges for use of Theofilos Hall, \$500, with no kitchen fee ** (Food cost/catering donated or at cost)

- Charges for use of Fr Tryfon Hall, \$200, with no kitchen fee ** (Food cost/catering donated or at cost)
- If Fr Tryfon Hall is used after church/during coffee hour, with no kitchen use, no charge (free)

Requirements for Fundraisers:

- Work with St. Nicholas Philoptochos to see if eligible, i.e.: considered catastrophic hardship
- Steward of St. Nicholas Cathedral
- All Monies collected by Philoptochos and dispersed by them: monies to be used to pay medical bills/prescriptions and/or utilities
- Food cost/catering donated or at cost**

Charles Samarkos 2nd the motion; **Motion passed.**

There was discussion about Valanti's graduation party; there was drinking, a fight, no police were hired. Since Lena was responsible to rent the hall, talk to Lena and then send letter of reprimand.

Letter was sent to St. Nicholas from the Rotary Club chair Robin Wikle, as there was a problem with the air at their event on June 10th. Requested to waive the \$350 catering fee and return the \$500 deposit. Nicholas Manias made a motion to waive the fee and return the deposit, 2nd by Chris Palaidis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nick Chagaris

- St. George asking for ad for Consecration program. Johanna Kossifidis made a motion to pay for a full page black & white \$500 ad, 2nd by Dean Prodromitis. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Clergy-Laity in Atlanta July 4-July 8th. Charles Samarkos and George Stamas can't attend, will ask Drossos Monokandalos to go instead, if he can pay his own way.
- Damian Arfaras donated 4 computers to the St. Nicholas church office.
- A/C flow switch had to be replaced at Theofilos Hall, cost \$530.
- Broken legs for ovens in kitchen at Theofilos Hall were replaced with castors
- Fountain Pump cost \$486.94 to repair. Charles Samarkos made a motion to repair fountain; 2nd by Harry Andropoulos, **motion passed.**

- Walk in cooler at Fr Tryfon Hall not working, will check as it was fixed recently.
- Tables at Fr Tryfon Hall still missing gliders

OLD BUSINESS:

- Audit Committee** – George Stamas – no report, George had left meeting early
- Follow-up, possible insurance claim for interior damage in cathedral** – George Stamas – George had left meeting early
- Endowment Committee** – Manuel Tsesmelis reported the committee met that morning and agreed to finalize the language on the document regarding irrevocability of use of funds. A deadline was set of July 31, 2010 for completion of Endowment document. Next endowment committee meeting set for July 6th.
- Mr. Daskal's will**- Charles Samarkos reported, spoke to Spero Veras, assistant who was present at time will was read. Two issues: Was it a gift where we had interest on it, she said no, it was meant to be spent. Told her we needed a letter saying we can do that. Second was the percentages, she indicated of the gift, 40% goes to widows and poor, 30% to St. Nicholas Cathedral and 30% to tuition for Greek School for underprivileged children. She said he just wanted to help people less fortunate; it was not that restricted. Charles will forward letter to PC, when received.
- The VINE** - Charles will follow up with Fay.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dean Prodromitis reported we need to figure out what we need to do as community; PC, what are our priorities. Dean requested that we have a meeting just for this discussion. There will be a meeting on 6/23/2010 after Vespers 7 pm.
- Appointees for Levendia Board – Chris Angelou reported Maria Tsangaris and Voula Gonatos will be on the Levendia Board.

Fr. Michael gave the Closing Prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Tsangaris