

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Minutes 04/13/10, Approved

Parish Council Members Present: Rev. Fr. Michael Eaccarino, Nick Chagaris, Chris Palaidis, Harry Andropoulos, Karen Markopulos, Johanna Kossifidis, Nikitas Manias, Nick Nicholas, Manuel Pondakos, Dean Prodromitis, Charles Samarkos, George Stamas, Georgia Tsangaris

Parish Council Member Not Present: Chris Angelou, Nicholas Manias, Gary Megaloudis, John Stamas, Jim Stavropoulos, Manuel Tsemmelis

Opening prayer by Fr. Michael, followed by singing of “Christos Anesti.”

Committee Reports:

OCLM – **Charles Samarkos** reported to PC members that he cannot be Chairman of OCLM, Communication/Publicity/Website committee as well as be on Parish Council.

Outreach & Evangelism Ministry – **Nicholas Manias** not present at meeting; report submitted.

Motion made and seconded to accept all recommendations on report; for Theodora to meet with Fr. Michael and Chris Palaidis to implement. **Motion passed**, unanimously. Dean Prodromitis offered to print the visitor/welcome cards for free; Theodora to get with Dean as soon as possible.

Fundraising/Festival Committee – **Nick Nicholas** - Requested budget from PC for festival; PC does not set a budget for the festival, will need to see when completed. George Stamas recommended that the committee look at this year’s festival budget as a start. 2010 Festival dates: October 29-30-31, 2010. Admission will be \$2, under 12, free. **Motion made** and seconded to accept Fundraising/Festival report; **motion passed**, unanimously.

Catechetical Ministry/Youth Ministry Team – **Dean Prodromitis** respectfully requests to be on Agenda at next PC meeting, 04-27-10.

Secretary’s Report – **Karen Markopulos** - **Motion made** and seconded to accept PC Minutes of 03-23-10 as read, **motion passed**, unanimously.

President’s Report- Nick Chagaris

- At last meeting, PC asked Nick to send a letter to Congressman Billirakis, in regards to sale of Demetri Daskal’s house; Chris Palaidis spoke with Congressman Billirakis, should Nick follow up with a letter; PC decided no letter needed at this time
- Metropolis President’s Meeting, Sat., 04-24-20 Atlanta, GA. Nick Chagaris and Harry Andropoulos to attend; George Stamas will let Nick know if he can make it; deadline to send names to Metropolis is Fri, April 16th.
- Archdiocese Allocation forms due to Metropolis by Sat. April 17th
- Audit Committee – Nick spoke with Renee Katsaras; will meet after April 15th.
- Mr. Daskal’s estate update - St. Nicholas to receive \$20,750.35, papers sent to Charles Samarkos for review.
- Nick told that in previous years, the psaltes were given extra compensation for Holy Week and Pascha services; will discuss under new business.
- Building/Maintenance/Grounds - Sam Markonios to be chairman of this committee.
- Filters need to be changed for all AC systems; can be bought directly from an AC company in Tampa for \$689. Labor estimate, provided by All Seasons, approximately \$200. Nick found a company, \$100 less on internet, includes delivery.
- 2 AC units not working, one at old church office and 2 upstairs in Sunday School/Greek School. Lena to call George Vouvalis to look at AC problems.
- Locks in Fr. Tryfon Hall – back door and 2 glass doors in front have been fixed, cost of \$100; wait on re-keying. Discussion followed on key situation; Harry Andropoulos and Nick Chagaris will try to repair.

Old Business

Update of Fr. Tryfon Hall Renovation – **Harry Andropoulos** reported the bathroom 90% completed, waiting for mirror; flooring ready to be put in. Harry reported that we will need to change the gliders on the chairs and tables, possibly around \$500, or floors will be damaged.

2nd Annual St. Nicholas Pascha Picnic Report – **Johanna Kossifidis** reported \$2,207.02 in expenses, with ticket sales and donations, \$6091, with a net profit of \$ 3883.98; waiting for donations of \$300. Johanna Kossifidis and Sam Markopulos were co-chairmen of this event.

Church Computer Update – **George Stamas** met with George Lakiotis to discuss network upgrade. George Lakiotis installed VPN Software that allows Fr. Michael to connect to the VPN router and access the network, rather than attach directly to the server. Nick Chagaris recommended that we upgrade our church computer system. Nick felt that the right thing to do is change the server and location; reviewed Sales Quote from Symmetric for new server, \$2,200.00 for the project total. Present server is 3-4 years old; not very powerful. **No motion made.** Dean Prodromitis offered his IT person, Gerald (specialty is setting up VPN) to do a quick cursory assessment. Spoke about routers getting fatigued; Fr. Michael is getting thrown off line when he is working from home. Dean will contact Lena to schedule Gerald; and will bring a monitor for church use.

New Business

Holy Week Financial Summary and Discussion–**Harry Andropoulos** reviewed report from trays and Pangari from Palm Sunday through the Agape Service on Pascha; may need to look at cost for candles next year.

Johanna Kossifidis reported a concern that she had with Afrati on Good Friday after the Epitaphio was brought into the Cathedral and will make a formal complaint to the HR Committee.

For clarification, from Nick Chagaris re: overtime, the PC did not say we wouldn't allow overtime. We asked that overtime be pre-approved and to shift schedules so that we can avoid having overtime, if possible. We needed to have Argiri here to keep the bathrooms clean the weekend of Pascha.

Placement of Demetri's house proceeds into the Endowment Fund – Nick Chagaris asked Charles Samarkos if there were stipulations for the use of the funds; Chris Palaidis said the will stipulates the money should go to the Philoptochos, Youth and Greek School; Charles will review; report to the PC.

Payment of Oratorical Fee to Holy Trinity in Clearwater- **Harry Andropoulos** reported that an email was received from Holy Trinity, to help with costs of the Oratorical Festival, for \$100. **Motion made** and seconded to pay \$100 to Holy Trinity for the Oratorical Festival to be held on 04-17-10. **Motion passed.**

Compensation to Demetre Mott for Holy Week and Pascha –**Nick Chagaris** told us that Demetre did not ask for extra money for Pascha, that Chris Palaidis had asked about it. Fr. Michael was asked what he thought we should give Demetre; his recommendation was to buy him a microphone; Manuel Gonatos will put a proposal together for AV equipment for Demetre's use.

Parking Lot proposal for 318 N. Pinellas Ave. (next to St. Nicholas Preschool)-**Harry Andropoulos** reported that we have a donor who will pay directly the costs of this project to be overseen by Fr. Michael and Harry Andropoulos. The Cathedral will provide a tax statement of donation to the donor.

Nikitas Manias said that he would pick up the tab for the striping of all St. Nicholas parking lots.

Motion made and seconded to accept the donation and go forward with the parking lot. Discussion followed; George Stamas said we must have a final lien waiver signed before payments made to vendors. **Motion passed**, unanimously.

TSHS Senior Banquet request for Theofilos Hall on June 2, 2010. **Harry Andropoulos** brought this to the PC; **Motion made** and seconded to allow TSHS to use Theofilos Hall for the same rate as last year. **Motion passed.**

Parish Assembly Agenda items – **Nick Chagaris** emailed a Draft of the Parish Assembly Agenda to all PC members for review. Some suggestions were to:

- Remove: Hope Street property item
- Add Audit Committee Report
- Add "Faith in Action" Ministry, Nikitas Manias, Chairman and George Stamas, Finance Chairman, to speak on Renovation/Restoration project
- Add presentation of Final Budget
- Add Election Committee report
- Add election of delegates to the Clergy-Laity Convention

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

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Markopulos

(No tapes of this meeting.)

***** Minutes were approved as read at the PC Meeting on 04/27/10.**