

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Minutes 03/23/10, Approved

Parish Council Members Present: Rev. Fr. Michael Eaccarino, Nick Chagaris, Chris Palaidis, Harry Andropoulos, Karen Markopulos, Chris Angelou, Johanna Kossifidis, Gary Megaloudis, Manuel Pondakos, Charles Samarkos, George Stamas, John Stamas, Georgia Tsangaris, Manuel Tsesmelis

Parish Council Member Not Present: Nicholas Manias, Nikitas Manias, Nick Nicholas, Dean Prodromitis, Jim Stavropoulos

Fr. Michael began the meeting with the Prayer of St. Ephraim; meditation followed.

“Faith in Action” Ministry Committee Report – Nikitas Manias is getting committee members for the interior of the church renovation.

Communication/Publicity Committee Report- Charles Samarkos reported that a tentative publication date for the VINE is May 1, 2010; PC members to send him suggestions for website.

ECYDC Report- Chris Angelou- Chris gathering information at this time. Manuel Pondakos gave overview of ECYDC. Chris discussed meeting with ministry leaders and His Eminence Bishop Alexios.

Catering/Facility Rental Committee Report- Georgia Tsangaris reviewed a St. Nicholas Facility Rental Application and Contract for “Para Church Organizations”.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Para Church Group pricing (not optional items). Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded for across the board; all Trees/Plants Dressing Room to be included in the rates for Para Church groups, Steward/Non Steward rates. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to decrease the rental rate for the Drape Package, from \$500 to \$100, for all future events, subject to review of current contracts. Motion passed. Projector/Technician removed from “optional items”.

No motion made for the request by Naomi Patterson to use Conference Room 1 for a meeting with 18 nurses for free. Georgia will let Lena know so that she can contact Naomi.

No motion made for the request of the use of Spanos/Pappas Gymnasium for the week of Spring Break for a sports camp, 03-29-1- to 04-0 2-10, 70/30 split, with the St. Nicholas getting 30%.

Motion made and seconded to allow a fundraiser luncheon for Fotini Tsaoussis at Fr. Tryfon Hall after church. Discussion followed; recommended that we need to have criteria for this type of function; requests should only be allowed if stewards of our church; we need a process. Manuel Tsesmelis said he will clean up after the luncheon. Georgia will ask the family to submit a proposal in writing and bring to PC. Motion retracted at this time.

Sunset Hills Elem. School request, rental of Theofilos Hall for 5th Gr. Graduation Breakfast discussed. Nick Chagaris asked Georgia to get information, in writing, if using caterer. Once received, PC agreed to same charge as TS Fundamental, donation of \$350. Georgia will contact Sunset Hill; inform Lena.

(BMG) Building, Maintenance Grounds Committee Report-Nick Chagaris reported that George Kouskoutis will not be Chairman of BMG; Nick asked for suggestions; no decision at this time. Nick reviewed invoices from All Seasons for work completed; total amount, \$2,470.50. Fr. Michael commented that businesses usually have contracts for maintenance agreements; Harry Andropoulos said this could run \$1800-\$2,000 monthly for our facilities. Charles Samarkos stated that Nick Chagaris must be presented with a request and an estimate for work to be done in writing, before bills are presented to be paid. If repair work needed and estimate is over \$250, must go through the PC President first, Nick Chagaris. If not an emergency, we need to get three (3) estimates.

Motion made and seconded to pay All Seasons for four (4) invoices, in the amount of \$2470.50, for work completed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report: Karen Markopulos - PC Minutes of 03/02/10 and 03/16/10

Motions made and seconded to accept minutes from PC Meeting on 03-02-10 and 03/16/10, motions passed unanimously.

Financial Report Update: George Stamas reviewed the Financial Report from February, 2010.

Proposed Procedures for Pangari - reported that we've been getting corrections from the bank on our deposit amounts. **Motion made** and seconded to have two counters, each coming up with their own grand total, match totals, then fill out, both sign deposit slip. Motion passed.

Whitney Bank Line of Credit Update - George Stamas and Fr. Michael met with the Whitney Bank president; LOC renewed and approved with no changes. (Present cap- \$225,000). **Motion made** and seconded to accept Financial Report; motion passed unanimously.

Copier Collection Update- McCarthy, Burgess & Wolff – **George Stamas** reviewed copier leases; Charles Samarkos and George Stamas working with CIT to get their amount lowered.

Dome Update – **George Stamas** reviewed bids for New Copper Dome; subtotal estimated costs - total estimated cost of \$303,262.50. Presentation at Parish Assembly on May 4, 2010. Georgia Tsangaris asked about including the interior damage in a capital campaign. Discussion followed; need to file an insurance claim with Guide One, to see if we are covered for the interior damage under our policy. George will follow up with this request.

President's Report: Nick Chagaris discussed communication with anyone concerning St. Nicholas PC matters without permission. Fr. Michael requested a letter of apology written to Congressman Billirakis from the St. Nicholas PC, to be written by Nick Chagaris.

2010 Committee/Ministry Reporting Schedule Expectations given to all PC members; Karen Markopulos will email to all PC Liaisons/Committee Chairmen/ PC members not in attendance.

Old Business

- **Update on Fr. Tryfon Hall Renovation** – **Harry Andropoulos**- waiting for flooring to arrive.

New Business:

- **Parish Support of Diakonia Center** – “**28 Angels**” – **Fr. Michael** discussed His Eminence's request for St. Nicholas to get 28 parishioners to donate \$500 for 5 years, by July, 2010. Charles S. and Fr. Michael will be first to donate towards this project; Georgia Tsangaris asked if ministries/groups/businesses could donate for this project and the answer was “yes”.
- **Identifying the specific authorized ministries of St. Nicholas**- **Manuel Pondakos** asked for this to be tabled until he has spoken with Fr. Michael.
- **Development of St. Nicholas Parish Organization Manual** – **Manuel Pondakos** reported that it will include: Mission Statement, Letter from Fr. Michael, Uniform Parish Regulations, St. Nicholas Ministries, Servant Position Descriptions, Committee Organization, Epiphany, Human Resources, Purchasing and Organizational Chart.
- **Background Checks** – **Manuel Pondakos** asked if this was passed by the PC, “yes”.
- **Annual St. Nicholas Pascha Picnic Update** – **Johanna Kossifidis** Agape Service at the Cathedral, 10:30 am; Easter Egg Hunt and Pascha Picnic starting at noon at Fred Howard Park, Shelter #9.
- **Email from Nicholas Matsis** in reference to bulletin ad for Event Coordinator; in regards to a law that we cannot pay only on commission basis. Charles Samarkos to review the email and advise Georgia before placing the ad back into the church bulletin.

The meeting was adjourned after the Closing Prayer by Fr. Michael.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Markopulos

****Minutes approved at PC Meeting on 04/13/10.**