

## **St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Minutes 03/02/10, Approved**

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

**Parish Council Member Not Present:** Dean Prodromitis

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

**Cathedral Dome Update: George Stamas** gave update. Gus Tsambis will get updated bid from Architectural Metals; George will report back to PC when bid received.

**Catering/Facility Rental Update, Jan. 2009-Feb. 2010: Karen Markopulos-** emailed report to PC members. Georgia Tsangaris had some questions; will meet with Karen this week.

**Endowment Document Update: George Stamas-** will update PC when requested changes made.

**Secretary's Report: Karen Markopulos-** correction for PC Minutes of 02-16-10, minutes to be corrected.

**Financial Report Update: George Stamas** reviewed the Financial Report from January, 2010. George reviewed the Whitney Bank, Line of Credit (LOC) Unsecured activity chart from 2006-2010. Maximum on LOC reduced to \$225,000; meeting scheduled with Whitney Bank; will keep us updated.

**President's Report: Nick Chagaris** discussed Committee/Ministry Reporting Schedule; Conflict Disclosure Policy Statement for PC members, needs to be signed and returned by all; spoke with Renee Katsaras about the Audit Report for this year, requested her to implement report in writing; reviewed conversation with Tim Keffalas and Beeba Lekkas, re: pictures put on our website during Epiphany.

### **Old Business:**

- **Recommendations for Key Assignments/Estimates – Manuel Pondakos** reviewed estimates from Global Locksmith and Safe, Inc.; recommended repair of doors, more estimates scheduled.
- **Pre -School Report on Expansion Overage: Harry Andropoulos** reviewed St. Nicholas Pre-School Revised Budget for 2010, as of 02/24/10. Discussion followed. Questions on where the money (\$28,969.81) came from to do repairs; remaining balance of \$6,270 for work completed needs to be paid; needs PC approval. Money came from donations over the years.
- **Motion** made and seconded to allow the Pre-School to spend no more than \$6,300 to finish any contractual obligations for any work already done for the expansion and renovation of the Pre-School building. Motion passed. Fr. Michael spoke on this issue; Nick reinforced that the St. Nicholas PC will no longer allow expenditures without prior approval by the Parish Council.
- **St. Nicholas Church Office Hours: Motion** made and seconded to change church office hours to 10am-4pm, remaining closed to the public from 9-10am and 4-5pm. Motion passed unanimously. Appointments scheduled with Fr. Michael after 4pm will not be effected by this change.
- **Chris Palaidis** reported that Afrati was sick in January for two days after Epiphany; only paid for one sick day. Nick Chagaris told Chris to get with George Stamas to resolve.

*New Business:*

- **Motion** made and seconded to allow TS Fundamental the use of Theofilos Hall for their Annual 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Breakfast on Fri., 06-04-10, for a donation of \$350 and a signed contract. Motion passed.
- **Motion** made and seconded to give the Halki Society the use of the Spanos/Pappas CC/Theofilos Hall/Kitchen for a Glendi on Sun., 03-21-10, for \$500 with split of profits with St. Nicholas, for Halki Society 2010 OCL Donation; discussion followed; motion passed.
- **BRIXTEC Computer Agreement: George Stamas** reviewed BRIXTEC's estimate, Discussion followed. Nick Meyers, a parishioner, helping with IT problems for free.  
**Motion** made and seconded to give George Stamas authority and approval to enter into a contract agreement up to \$3,000 for the computer maintenance system. Motion passed, all in favor.
- **Fr. Tryfon Hall Renovation: Harry Andropoulos** met with donor and Emily Papachristou, designer; brought samples for PC members to see; no expense to St. Nicholas; use of professional installer for vinyl flooring; Harry to provide sub contractors for the labor.  
**Motion** made and seconded to approve \$25,000 in expenditures for renovation of Fr. Tryfon Hall, conditioned upon: 1.) \$25,000 being donated by the donor first; 2.) contracts for all subs, presented and approved by the PC, before they are entered into; 3.) can be submitted to and approved by the PC by email. Discussion followed; Nikitas Manias offered to donate all paint needed for the renovation including paint needed for all of Fr. Tryfon Hall. Harry A. is only contractor for the labor, will submit contract via email; motion passed unanimously.
- **Harry Andropoulos** reported we have a donor for a gravel parking lot, across the street from the Spanos/Pappas Community Center-Theofilos Hall, next to St. Nicholas Pre-School for \$8,500. No motion made; no action taken at this time.
- **Downtown Farmers Market: Harry Andropoulos** reported that the Farmers Market on Sundays impacts St. Nicholas' parking for church services. Jerry McGlaughlin, from the Farmers Market, approached Nicholas Manias and offered St. Nicholas 10% of the Farmers Market proceeds.  
**Motion** made and seconded to give our blessing for the Downtown Farmer's Market to use the city parking lot on Sundays. Motion passed.
- **Taylor Publishing Update: Harry Andropoulos** reported money collected for the Centennial Album will be given to Taylor Publishing, not to include money received from sale of Centennial memorabilia, i.e. crystal church, clear crosses, etc.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Markopulos*

**\*\* Minutes Approved as read at 03-23-10 PC Meeting.**