

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Minutes of the General Assembly
Sunday, November 13, 2011**

Call to Order: President Mark Langford called the Meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Father Paul Christy led us in prayer.

Appointment of Meeting Chairperson: George Kapetanakis nominated Mark Langford. Seconded by John Demos. Terri Fotiu nominated Fotis Fotiu. Seconded by Steve Serletis. The vote went in favor of Mark.

Approval of the Minutes: The meeting voted to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2011, General Assembly. No one opposed.

Treasurer's Report to 10/31/11: Don McEnteer

Revenues: YTD revenue is a little over \$349K, about \$50K short of budget. Stewardship at \$296K is about \$34K short of budget, but since June we've been about 3.5% ahead of last year and Nov. & Dec. are historically strong stewardship months.

Expenses: Overall, our expenses are under budget by \$41K. Salaries were under budget by \$47K because we didn't have a permanent or assistant priest till June and July. Utilities are \$3K over budget (includes Wake Co. tax for 1937 French Dr.). Supplies are \$260 under budget. Maintenance is \$6K over budget. Insurance/Ministries are \$3.5K under budget.

Balance Sheet: We are blessed to have a very strong balance sheet that includes nearly \$1.5M in cash. We have no debt.

Kevin Stavredes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Carol Poulos. Motion carried.

Proposed 2012 Operating Budget: Don McEnteer

Many thanks to the ten people who prayerfully prepared the 2012 budget. It was sent out several weeks ago so everyone could review it. It costs nearly \$42K monthly (or nearly \$1,400 a day) for our church to function. The proposed 2012 budget puts our revenue at \$503,800, a 4.7% increase over 2011, and includes rent from our French Dr. house. Expenses will increase by the same percentage, in spite of decreases in supplies and maintenance. It's a barebones budget. All parishioners need to contribute their fair share in stewardship. We are a growing community. Mark asked if there were any questions. Harry Costa made a motion we accept the 2012 budget. Seconded by Mary Wehbie. Motion carried. Mark thanked Don.

Parish Business:

- a. **1937 French Drive Update:** George Kapetanakis reported that renovations since his July report include a new kitchen backsplash and vent ducts from the kitchen and family bathroom to the outside. George Pappas gave the den floor a second coat of Kilz: it's now ready for an underlayment and vinyl tiles. In the bathrooms, freestanding sinks have been replaced with vanities. The master bathroom has a new fiberglass shower, flooring, and low-flow toilet; the downstairs bathroom has new pipes, hoses and faucets. Leon Kythas is chairing

the interior painting. He and his son Peter, Jim Klemes and his son Johnny, and John Fakiris have painted three upstairs bedrooms. Please see Leon if you would like to help. The basement ceiling was replaced after Steve Serletis installed additional wiring and the ductwork was enclosed. Harry Costa replaced the old front door with a new steel one. The exterior was scraped and power-washed, given some new siding and flashing, and caulked. We still need to complete interior painting; install oven, kitchen & den flooring; refinish hardwood flooring; replace front steps and tackle miscellaneous problems. George is sincerely grateful to all who have worked on this project. A discussion followed. Elaine Noulis thanked George and all involved for all their time and effort. George said that there is only about \$1,300 left from the approved budget of \$38,000. We will need about \$2,000-\$3,000 more. Mark thanked George.

- b. Repairs and Maintenance:** Jimmy Ellison reported that Callahan should start work in the next couple of weeks. The sheet rock should be in place by the holiday season.
- c. Greek Festival Report:** Harry Costa thanked everyone who worked for the Festival. We were blessed we had no injuries. However, the numbers weren't great, the increase in T-shirt sales being an exception. We have \$100K in the bank after expenses, down \$49K from last year. Friday was flat and Saturday was bad - rain and the State game kept attendance down – but Sunday's food line was very good. The good thing is we now have \$100K in the bank that we didn't have before, thanks to everyone's help. Mark said the Festival chairman has one of the toughest jobs, and we are presenting Harry with this gift certificate as a token of our appreciation. A discussion followed. Gyros didn't sell as well this year as last year when there was an abnormally high demand. There were some complaints that the music was too loud.
- d. Stewardship Update:** Mark said that because John Demos had just spoken so eloquently this morning in church about the need for an increase in our 2012 Stewardship, he would not speak again now. We are encouraged that 140 Stewardship packets have been picked up so far.
- e. GOYA Update:** Kassi Wehbie said GOYA's goals are to enhance worship and fellowship. Activities include community outreach such as serving dinner at the Men's Shelter once a month and collecting cell phones for the homeless. GOYAns will also participate in the holiday gift collection for Haven House youths and are busy practicing volleyball and basketball for the upcoming Winter Youth Rally. Their annual Wreath Sale helps to support this event. They have monthly meetings and social events such as the recent very successful Luau.
- f. Nominations of Candidates for Parish Council:** Tamara Costa said the election Committee has received the following nominations: Evan Bundros, David Ford, Penny Gallins, George Georgallis, Jason Kekas, Masha Kononov, Mark Langford, Harry Nicholas, Elaine Noulis and Helen Perros. We thank the outgoing Parish Council members Lekita Essa, George Kapetanakis, Sophia Myers and Kevin Stavredes for their service. Fotis Fotiu and John Fakiris were nominated from the floor. Mitch Owen moved that we close the nominations, seconded by Joyce Kekas. Motion carries.
- g. Audit Committee Elections:** The following were nominated to serve on the Audit Committee: Presvytera Mary Christy, Tom Mathes and Kevin Stavredes. The motion to accept these nominations carried.

- h. Capital Campaign:** George Pappas reported that we have almost \$1,146,000 in the bank and another \$1.6M in unpaid pledges. In other words, we are almost halfway toward our \$6M goal for the new sanctuary. 28 families have put Holy Trinity's Capital Campaign in their will. Some people didn't make a commitment when Fr. Paul Kaplanis left. But the church is getting more and more crowded and we need to build for the future of our community. Fr. Paul Christy spoke with Fr. Anthony recently, and Fr. Paul and George have also had a 2-hour meeting. If you haven't made a commitment yet, please speak either to Father or to a member of the Capital Campaign Committee: George Pappas, John Demos, Penny Gallins, Dennis Kekas, Harry Kledaras, Bill Pappas, Debbie Pappas, Steve Serletis, Pota Vallas, Harry Costa, Lekita Essa, Mark Langford, Frank Nixon, Mitch Owen, Nick Pilos, and Chris Vlahoplus. If you have made a commitment, follow through with payments. We have excellent recordkeeping, thanks to Rhonda Milkovich and Debbie Pappas. Encourage those who are not here to make a commitment also.

Comments: Father Paul said we need this building project to go through. Not only do we need it, we deserve it. The church we have now is beautiful, but not sufficient. We must all get behind this. Raleigh deserves a beautiful new sanctuary. If you would like to talk to Father about making a commitment, please do so. Presvytera Mary has expertise in budgets and can help you make one if you would like her assistance. Fr. Paul congratulated the Parish Council nominees and said Parish Council members need to make good decisions and also play basketball vs. GOYA. On December 3, there will be a Parish Council seminar for all nominees at St. Barbara's, Durham, 2-5 p.m.

Old Business: Elaine Noulis made a motion that we allocate a maximum of \$5,000 to finish off the 1937 French Dr. renovation. Seconded by Mitch Owen. Motion carries.

New Business:

- Mark said that on Saturday at 10 a.m. there would be the annual Blessing of the Animals.
- Harry Kledaras said that the 70-and-olders would take on the winner of the Parish Council vs. GOYA basketball match-up.

Adjournment: Harry Kledaras made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Stavredes.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Perros