

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2013**

Call to Order: President Mark Langford called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Father Paul led us in prayer.

Members Present: Father Paul Christy, Toula Capetanos, Greg Delage, John Fakiris, Fotis Fotiu, Penny Gallins, Nik Kamilaris, George Kapetanakis, Mark Langford, Evan Bundros, Dr. Risa Poniros, Meg Economy, David Ford and Helen Perros

Members Absent: Frances Mathes, Dr. Connie Kledaras

Deacon Gavriilo made a presentation on the **St. John the Merciful outreach ministries**. Are now in need of a vehicle (cargo van) for pick-ups and deliveries, have been using rental trucks. Spoke to the need to canvas the entire community for resources. He estimates hundreds of moves in the past 5 years. Needs direct help now to continue the ministry. He has explored purchasing a used vehicle as well as insuring and maintaining it. Suggested getting church groups to sponsor one month of insuring. His goal would be to have the parish hold title and insurance for this vehicle, for use by the outreach ministries as well as the festival teams. Contributions would actually purchase the vehicle. Could be parked at Jim Klemes's business lot. Some discussion followed regarding establishing an LLC for the ministry, to isolate the liability to the van itself. David offered to research the insurability of a vehicle.

Reading of the Minutes: There was one correction to the minutes as emailed by Penny Gallins, made by George Kapetanakis, showing that the provision in the Bylaws relating to the Priest's travel expenses had been inadvertently deleted and at the end of the discussion, Penny asked George if he wanted it added back into the document. George said no. A motion to accept the amended minutes of the previous meeting was made by Foti Fotiu and seconded by Greg Delage. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: David Ford reported on the balance sheet, and we discussed the overview for each of the parish ministries, which are indicated on the balance sheet as liabilities.

- Total revenues for February were \$126,971 (including appx. \$89,000. deposited from the Tooze Estate) compared to \$54,180 for Feb. 2012. Stewardship revenue was \$30,814.29. Budgeted average monthly expense is \$44K and was \$49,400 in February, which included unanticipated expenses for driveway repair and water leak. February 2012 expenses were \$43,191.
- Net income for February was \$73,429, compared to \$6,975 in February 2012.

Helen Perros made a motion, seconded by Nik Kamilaris, to accept the Treasurer's Report, providing that we note Line #2105 labeled as Building Fund should be changed to read Capital Campaign. Motion carried.

Parish Business:

a. Tooze Estate: Mark presented an overview of the townhouse from Athena's estate, and distributed documents outlining a Market Analysis of the property, options for sale of the townhouse, and estimates on pricing including comparables. Some discussion followed on the options available to us. Foti Fotiu suggested we sell the townhouse to Soraya if possible, at a discounted rate. George K agreed, and suggested we would come out ahead even at a reduced sale price. David asked if we knew the time on the market for the comps. He also shared the logistical challenges of HT owning the property even for a short length of time. Several of us reinforced the need for a charitable viewpoint and presentation to the community. Evan Bundros offered the opinion that we offer the property to Soraya at \$90,000., and George Kapetanakis and Penny Gallins agreed. David Ford asked if we can present to the GA within a range, and Mark suggested we ask the parish for approval to dispose of the property, with the PC making the final decision on pricing and timing. All were in agreement on this suggestion.

Calling Special General Assembly: the date is to be Sunday, April 7th, 2013, following the Divine Liturgy, to allow for the required two weeks written notice.

b. Habitat for Humanity: Excellent press on check presentation from 2012 Festival funds. The Habitat organization wants us to be involved in the actual construction of a house. Mark will put this into the bulletin, to ask for a chair to organize a team.

c. Schedule for Lent and Holy Week was distributed to PC members.

d. Easter Picnic: Mark opened a discussion on hosting the event this year. Helen Perros recommended we hire one large tent, and do another pot-luck event as in 2012. David Ford agreed. Nik Kamilaris said we should go with the two tents again. Some discussion followed on having the event catered. Toula Capetanos mentioned that 2013 Easter is later, and the weather will likely be warmer. Motion made by Toula to hire one tent and host another pot-luck event, seconded by George K. Motion was voted on and defeated. Penny G suggested we have a good-will basket again, since we collected about \$2K in 2012. After more discussion, Nik K made a motion to include two tents with a pot-luck, seconded by Evan B, all agreed. Motion carried.

e. Spring Dance Wrap-up: Toula said the dance was very successful. 2nd Dessert & Dance Party, Netted \$1000 in 2011, in 2013 netted \$2,326.60 with no solicitation. \$573 made on beverage sales. Great committee, with excellent teamwork. For next time, we need more red wine but less purchased desserts.

f. Parish Council to sponsor March 20th Pre-sanctified Dinner: Need PC help to bring food and clean-up after the meal. Meg E and Penny G will help with the set-up.

g. Bob Krantz Luncheon & Presentation: Meg E reported on the work of the committee to date, with on-line tickets now available on the website.

Comments/services/events/other: Father Paul noted that the Lenten lecture series is to be excellent. Had materials from Brown-Wynne about end-of-life presentation they will provide us, including catered lunch and can come to us or provide off-site. Some discussion on appropriateness of hosting this, with stress on estate planning education. Father will pursue other options.

Old Business:

- Foti mentioned profits from March 24th luncheon are to go into Relief for Greece fund, tickets are on sale now.
- Toula asked for status of the appeal process to Archdiocese for reduction of fees.

New Business:

- Mark brought up our health inspection today, with both good news and bad. Some food and plastic storage issues. Rating went up from 96.5 to 97.5, excellent. Suggestions were made for educating parish members on proper cleaning and maintenance. It was decided that the PC captain on duty for scheduled events should insure that all equipment is cleaned properly by the host organization prior to leaving the building.
- Thermostats in fellowship hall need to be checked, seem to be malfunctioning. Also discussed sensors on lights and plumbing pressure issues. Evan B will research lighting sensors.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Risa Poniros.

Closing prayer: Father Paul and led us in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Economy

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013.