Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 7:10pm with an opening prayer led by Father Tilemahos and the cutting of the vasilopita with Father Dean. Fr. Tilemahos acted as Chairman of the meeting. Nick Megremis acted as Recording Secretary.


Anna Prekas also present as a non-voting participants.

Absent: E Kiriazopoulos, K Ioannou, T Kanelos, P Giannopoulos, E Dimoutsikos

PARISH OPERATIONS

Election of Officers

G Coologeorgen nominated T Sikoral for Parish Council President. T Bournias seconded. T Sikoral accepted.

G Coologeorgen nominated G Bepis for Parish Council Vice President. T Bournias seconded. G Bepis accepted.

D Loomos nominated N Megremis for Secretary. T Bournias seconded. N Megremis accepted.

N Megremis nominated A Koutsikos for Assistant Secretary. T Sikoral seconded. A Koutsikos accepted.

T Bournias nominated D Loomos for Assistant Treasurer. J Karnezis seconded. D Loomos accepted.

A Demeros nominated T Rizos for 2nd Assistant Treasurer. A Andrews seconded. T Rizos accepted.

The newly-elected president, Tom Sikoral assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the December 21st meeting were distributed by Secretary N Megremis prior to the Meeting.

- **Motion to approve minutes from the December 21st Parish Council meeting.**
  - T Zavos/2nd T Rizos. **Vote: 9-0-5. Pass Unanimously**

**Anniversary Banquet (led by G Bepis)**

- Breakfast and lunch items will be catered. Committee suggest pricing for tickets should be $65-75 for adults and $25 for children.
- Total cost per person will be about $20 per person
- $6000 has already been secured for the Ad Book. We hope to secure a total of $30,000.
- Parish Council suggests charging $65 for adults and $20 for children

**Inreach (Led by Fr. T)**

A guest speaker will be brought in the day after our church’s feast day.
**Facility Committee (Led by T. Bournias)**

- Priority number one for the committee is to add a new classroom and a bathroom in the old community center.
- Second priority is to create a smaller kitchenette where the old kitchen is now.
- Third priority is to add greenscapes, fencing, and update playground at the back of the church.
- Fourth priority is to update the lobby and office area of the old building.
- Fifth priority is to update our new kitchen.
- There may be an opportunity to get further grant money from the Hellenic Foundation since some of these updates are school related. Grant money may exclude new construction.
- PTA might be able to help with fundraising.
- Still need to speak with the architect to figure out options for the projects above.

**Stewardship (Led by N Megremis)**

- As of 12/21/22 total pledged Stewardship for 2022: $447,400 representing 661 Stewards. Total collected YTD is $418,800. This results in a median amount given of $500 per Steward Family.

- Compare this to year end 2022 total pledged Stewardship for 2022: $449,285 representing 662 Stewards. Total collected YTD is $437,435.

- So far in 2023 (as of 1/20/23) pledged Stewardship for 2023: $128,108 representing 146 Stewards. Total collected YTD in 2023 $68,885 resulting in a median amount of $600 per Family.
Committee would like to thank all who help during our Stewardship luncheon. It was a great success and we served about 250 guests on January 22nd.

**Clergy/Laity Meeting (Led by T Sikoral)**

- At the Clergy/Laity Meeting the Archdiocese was looking for input about buying new property we financing up to 50%. The motion did not pass as the main concern was that the motion being proposed did not include a maximum price for the property.
- Archdiocese is still looking for appropriate property to purchase.
- Next Clergy/Laity Meeting is October 11.

**Building and Grounds (Led by T Karabatsos)**

- HVAC Systems need to be checked and estimates are needed to fix or replace.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH**

- Going forward, documents (including Minutes and Agendas) will be uploaded to Teams and emails will only be sent to church-provided email addresses. We need to utilize our Microsoft licenses to continue getting the non-profit rate.
- A Demeros would like to continue to explore having a Parish Council retreat this year.
- B Bozikis reminds us that the Greek Parade will be March 26th this year and there is a $300 fee to enter.
- Fr. T reminds us the Parish Council life must be balanced with our prayer life. We all should be aware of ALL activities of our church in order to promote them and be good
advocates for the church. He also reminded us that Feastday vespers are on February 9th and divine liturgy on the 10th.

- **Motion to adjourn meeting.**
  - A Koutsikos/2nd G Coologeorgen. **Vote: 16-0-0. Pass Unanimously**

Closing Prayers led by Father Tilemahos and Father Dean at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nick Megremis, Recording Secretary