

HOLY TAXIARHAI and ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR September 16, 2025

Commencement of Meeting: The Parish Council meeting began at 7:00pm with an opening prayer led by Father Tilemahos. Father Dean also attended. Tom Sikoral acted as Chairman of the meeting. Nick Megremis acted as Recording Secretary.

Attendees: N Megremis, T Rizos, G Houpis, T Sikoral, G Giolas, L Psychogios, G Tziavaras, C Haralampoulou, J Karnezis, E Kiriazopoulos, A Andrews, G Coologeorgen, T Zavos, T Bournias, A Calabrese, E Dimoutsikos, A Demeros, P Giannopoulos,

Absent: A Koutsikos, D Loomos, B Bozikis

Non Voting Attendees: Anna Prekas and George Anastasiadis

PARISH OPERATIONS

August Meeting Minutes were distributed to the Parish Council prior to the meeting by N Megremis.

- **Motion to approve August 2025 Meeting Minutes.**
G Giolas/2nd T Zavos. Vote: 12-0-2. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (T Zavos)

Updated Financial Reports were distributed before the meeting by T Zavos.

- **Motion to accept August 2025 Financials.**
G Giolas/2nd E Dimoutsikos. Vote: 14-0-2. Passed Unanimously.

Key Points:

- Net Operating Income (REVENUE less EXPENSES) currently \$158,000 favorable to planned YTD budget (including SCHOOL).
- Stewardship \$13K favorable to plan
- Budget is in excellent position YTD
- Spending less on Ministries than planned. Ideally Food Fest favorability should go to Ministries and Capital projects.
- There was a generous donation made of \$5000 towards school expansion.

School Update (Provided by by G Anastasiadis)

- There are four new hires recommended by the School Board.
 - The School Board would like to thank the Parish Council for the enhancements and investments made to the facility.
 - While there are no students in the first grade for the Day School, there are 5 currently in Kindergarten.
 - Providing "Enrichment" services (expanded hours after 1pm) may attract more enrollment.
 - It was suggested that we need to market/promote the schools to the public more.
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- **Motion to approve the hiring of four new teachers, pending background checks and per School Board recommendations.**
A Demeros/2nd E Dimoutsikos. Vote: 16-0-0. Passed Unanimously.

Outreach (Led by G Giolas)

- Committee is reaching out to the community to attract new members and to set up monthly meetings.
- Linking goals to our 5 year Visions plan.
- Container to Madagascar will be coming to the Church next week, and we will have 5 weeks to fill it.
- Preparing for Night to Shine

Facility Planning Committee (Led by T Bournias)

- Buildout of the new classrooms in the West lobby is now complete.
- Looking to furnish the room. The proposal is to add blinds, a new TV, storage and bookcases with an approximate cost of \$7,220.
- **Motion to approve expenses of up to \$7500 to furnish the new conference room.
A Demeros/2nd E Kiriazopoulos. Vote: 9-6-1. Passed.**

Stewardship (Led by N Megremis)

- As of September 14, 2025, 611 Stewards pledged about \$460,000 and have given roughly \$398,000 to date.
- For comparison, at this time last year we had 639 Stewards pledging \$444,000 and given \$397,000.
- Current Median amount is \$500 and the average pledge is about \$738.

Building and Grounds (Led by T Sikoral)

- Caulking is needed in the front of the Church.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

- A date is needed for the General Assembly. It was decided to have the GA on November 16, with a backup date of November 23.
- Three AED's were installed in various areas of our campus (inside the Church, by the Office and by the gym).
- Almost all teachers and PC Members are now CPR certified, in addition to some other community members.
- Plan is in place to add additional outdoor cameras for added security.
- Panic buttons are now available and will be added throughout the facility.
- New Sound System has been ordered and installation has been planned for October.
- Golf outing is planned for this upcoming Thursday. Already have 95 planned participants.
- The annual Thanksgiving event tickets have been printed and the venue reserved (Fountain Blue).

5-Year Vision 2030 (Led by Fr. Tilemahos)

- Committees should continue to meet and develop their plans. Now that everyone has an understanding of our goals, we can work towards the same direction. All goals are very achievable.
- The 75th Anniversary party has a chairperson and volunteers but can always use more. Banquet and Ad Book will be part of the festivities. There will also be other events leading up to the banquet.
- **Motion to adjourn meeting.**
 - **E Kiriazopoulos/2nd T Rizzos. Vote: 17-0-0. Pass Unanimously**

Closing Prayers led by Father Dean at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nick Megremis, Recording Secretary