



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Feb 7, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:46 P.M.
2. Opening Prayer by Fr. Angelo
3. Quorum / Roll Call: Helen, Mike, Demitri on zoom, Karen Eric, Alan present; Peggy Jim and Ron absent

Fr. A introduced Sara Tone, new hall manager. She will be dealing with photos, marketing, contracts, etc. Fr. A. will send out email to parishioners about the hall rental process.

4. Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes: Karen moved approval, Mike seconded; passed
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Eric reviewed the financial reports. He informed us that the preliminary report from 2021 showed stewardship down approximately \$5000 less than 2020. Eric stated that overall, the numbers were solid; revenue was up. He also raised the issue of inflation and the impact it should play on our candle prices which have remained stagnant for quite a number of years. He suggested that we investigate the current price of votives versus the cost of votives. He will present the data at the next meeting for a decision.

- General Checking Account Balance: \$267,617.96
- Maintenance Fund Account Balance: \$8,187.20
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance: \$21,713.47

6. **Stewardship Report** – See Stewardship and Financial report below

8. Old Business

- Replacement of basement windows—in progress; waiting to be dropped off

7. New Business

- Hall Manager update-see above
- Snowplowing and Salting Update— Due to slip and fall incident reports from Quatella, Ed has agreed to do the salting of a portion of the rear parking lot and the front circle in addition to the walkways. Got the spreader and Ed is checking parking lot in the morning and evening.
- Acoustical Improvements in the Hall—Eric was approached by anonymous parishioner about acoustics in the hall. The hearing aid loop needs to be updated. The parishioner



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would be willing to donate for further improvements in the hall for acoustics; we probably will have to have an audio engineer to make recommendations

- Lena asking that when Parsich Council members take money for stewardship to give them card for stewardship to fill out

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Education and Activities

- Tuesday Zoom Discussion ongoing - Study of Gospel of John
- Thursday YouTube Livechat – 7-8:30pm
- GOYA snow tubing – 26 youth attended
- Guest Speaker for Lent (Saturday Mar 12) – Dr Jeanne Constantinou on her new book – *Thinking Orthodox – Understanding the Orthodox Christian Mind*
- SJC Oratorical – 13 March (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

9. Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep

Church roofing update. Andy Bouquin was responsible to coordinate getting three (3) quotes for the entire church roof to include all smaller connected rooflets. The consensus is to go with Finger Lakes based on both pricing and a review of the historical qualifications to accomplish the job. Quote Break Downs are as Follows:

- Finger Lakes = \$186,700 - December 2021. Note that back in July 2019 Finger Lakes quoted \$149,700 and requoted again in August 2021 for \$156,700
- RMG Roofing = \$254,450 - October 2021
- 6 Star Roofing = \$132,000 - November 2021. Several inquiries were made into previous jobs with 6 -Star which indicated a less than favorable experience with roof quality and the availability of appropriate roofing materials.

Between August and December of 2021 there were multiple price increases and the cost for the Main Church Roof went up (not down)

- Installation of gas shut-off for kitchens completed
- Spring PM has been scheduled

10. Office/General Supplies – No issues

- No issues

11. Public Relations/Outreach/ Visitations

- Philoptochos, Sunday School, Greek School, GOYA Diaper Drive completed—it was very successful—collected 4000 diapers



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- Volunteer Workday at Saint Michael's Church went very well
- Annunciation Joint Vespers with Buffalo at 6 p.m. —will take place here with reception sponsored by Philoptochos following the vespers.

12. Communications Ministry

- YouTube Channel Update—We have over 600,000 total views; about 100 new subscriptions a month; 700 views for Sunday service; \$3700 in the bank. He informed us that many of our services are being translated. The marketplace structure ready to go for the website.

13. Fund Raising Updates

- Apokriatiko Dinner/Dance – 5 March—Fr. A. approached by Greek school regarding masks at the dance—decision about masks to be announced this Wed. by the governor so decision on dance contingent on her announcement.
- Greek Festival – Jun 2-5—had first meeting; Mike and John as new leads; the band is good to go; Bill Tegas going to take primary lead in kitchen and to find others; committee to discuss hired help; Sarah Ann to take lead on volunteer signups; contracts are in progress. Another meeting to be scheduled next month. Update of the web site discussed.

14. Closing prayer / Adjournment: 9:06 p.m.



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STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR EOM DEC

1. Stewardship contributions were \$22,930 – ahead of the \$21,660 monthly average to reach our goal of \$260,000 for the year. YTD Stewardship is \$219,286, 2.5% higher than the same period in 2020. We'll need \$41K in December to reach our goal.
2. As reported earlier, there are a couple of financial entries that need further clarification and reposting. We'll follow up with the bookkeeper when the YE data is available to make sure all revenue and expense items are posted properly.
3. The year over year comparison report (Jan 1 thru Nov 30 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020 shows some positive revenue trends concluding;
4. Candles, Sunday & Other both up over 95% and up \$26K over the prior period.
5. Donations Unrestricted up \$76K or 142% over the prior period.
6. Memorial Donations up \$48K or 85% over the prior period.
7. Parking Revenue up \$21K or 172% over the prior period.
8. Hall Rental Income up \$4K or 1,178% over the prior period.
9. Flower Receipts up \$6K or 368% over the prior period.
10. Expenses increased during the period but over all our Net Income was \$146K up 54% over the prior period.