



# **ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 3, 2023**

- Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM
  - Opening Prayer by Fr. Angelo
  - Quorum / Roll Call—All present except Patty Gitsis and Demitri Kolokouris not here
  - Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes—Van moved approval; Peggy seconded; passed.
1. **Treasurer's Report** – Eric reported that we had roughly \$466K in unrestricted funds available as of January 31, 2023. The total unrestricted funds as of February 28, 2023 is \$493K. This includes Operating Cash \$213K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, and PayPal \$2K. He reviewed the financial summary below and noted that stewardship was way up in Feb.
- **Stewardship Report** – See Stewardship and Financial report below
8. **Old Business**
- Windows installation progress—frames and windows are here but glass business is crazy with smash and grab—hope to get started this week or next week.
  - More chairs ordered?
  - Fr. talked to paving guy, Mark, about University Ave entrance...asphalt paving starts in April and it will probably be taken care of mid-April and also take care of area in front of church
- **New Business**
    - Hall Status—Fr. And Eric met with Zac and have proposed to have hall manager limit number of days we rent the hall; perhaps pick 12-18 Saturdays and have blackout days for non-parishioners. We might possibly get \$2000 to \$2500 for a Saturday. Suggest we set aside 13 to 18 dates for non-parish rentals
    - Discussion of proposed youth room spurred discussion of expansion...need to contact architect.
    - Security presence during Holy Week—Fr. called, Frank, security person for Palm Sunday through Sat. from 6-9 pm and Wed. afternoon and Sat. night. Approximate cost will be \$700-\$800
    - Ipad for Narthex--Fr. will put heat control and camera app on it.
    - Proposed 2023 Spring GA – 21 May 2023., informational only. We will not need alternate date because there are no items to vote on



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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **• Education and Activities**

- Youth Director -See attached report—Demos attended youth minister conference in Houston, TX and had pictures of youth game rooms. Plans displayed to connect two rooms in the basement. Demos going to check with youth advisors regarding this. Discussion followed of expansion vs remodeling the basement...possible capital campaign Discussed need for strategic goal for youth and other organizations to be presented at GA—possible 3 yr. timeframe with enclosed courtyard with memorial wall. Handicap ramp not engineered properly and not sure how to fix it or what to replace it with. Looking for 1 or 2 architects-- Van to check
- NY State Youth Lock-in - Rochester Saturday 13 May (see attached report for details)
- Tuesday Zoom Discussion – Lenten Study. Holy Week: From Jerusalem to Resurrection
- Thursday YouTube Orthodoxy Q&A Livechat – 7-8:30pm
- NY District Level SJC Oratorical Festival St. Sophia in Syracuse 23 Apr – Vasilios Koupas representing our church.

### **• Public Relations/Outreach/ Visitations**

### **• Communications Ministry – See attached report**

### **• Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep**

- Kitchen Cleaning. Downstairs complete. Upstairs kitchen to be scheduled after Festival
- Emergency Medical Supplies in the Kitchen Prep areas
- UPCOMING - Spring semi-annual Preventive Maintenance (PM)
- Building walk-thru to compile maintenance list – Van Yannas – Friday 31 March

### **• Office/General Supplies – No issues**

- No issues

### **• Fund Raising Updates**

- Greek Festival

### **• Closing prayer / Adjournment: 7:40 PM**



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## Youth and Communication Ministry Reports

Ministry	Progress	Next Steps
<b>Youth Director</b>	<p>Participated in Archdiocese Youth Ministers conference from 31Mar-3 Apr. This newly formed Orthodox Young Adult Ministries (OYAM) was held at St George Antiochian Church in Houston TX.</p> <p>Seeing the Youth Facilities at the Orthodox Churches in the Houston area, their hours of operation, and the attendance of these facilities indicates that this is a valuable part of successful youth ministry.</p> <p>See attached plan for the Youth Facility here at Annunciation.</p> <p>While this was a 5th year goal in my Youth Strategy guide interest in creating a viable youth facility, volunteers, and donors who are willing to help would support moving this effort forward.</p>	<p>Monthly Youth Ministry "Good News"</p> <p>Will establish with each ministry an online newsletter which should go live next month. Key to this project is a main article which will be penned by a rotating selection of key representatives from each group (including myself) to make sure we all collaboratively have a voice to the youth and community. I will be penning the first article which will introduce the concept and goals for these programs.</p> <p>LOCK-IN</p> <p>Rock Climbing and Lock-In. The event will be held between 7pm May 12th (Fri) to 8am May 13th (Sat). The event will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rock climbing</li> <li>overnight lock-in at the rock-climbing venue which will host games and challenges</li> <li>catered late night supper/snacks</li> <li>"struggle" theme with talks from the participating priests and youth leaders</li> <li>breakfast at the church at 8:30am</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, we are providing FREE rock-climbing training for all volunteers. I will reach out to ENA to see who is willing to participate so we can propagate a culture of young adult role models for our youth. I will be sending out fliers, event info, volunteer pitches, waivers, and more in the next week.</p>
<b>Communications &amp; Website</b>	<p>YOUTUBE CHANNEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10,276 subscribers with 46.2K views</li> <li>480 new subscribers in March</li> </ul> <p>Installation of the editing bay is complete</p> <p>Installation of the new cameras is complete</p> <p>Created training videos for livestream volunteers.</p>	<p>WEBSITE After Holy Week, I will be meeting with each of the four ministries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>verify each of their new website pages</li> <li>train each group leader on the use their page including the assigning of personal log-ins</li> <li>improve communication pathways</li> <li>discuss future planning</li> </ul>



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### **STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR EOM FEB 2023**

1. Financial Report February 2023 – includes a Balance Sheet at the end of the report. We had roughly \$466K in unrestricted funds available as of January 31, 2023. The total unrestricted funds as of February 28, 2023 is \$493K. This includes Operating Cash \$213K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, and PayPal \$2K.
2. Please note, as discussed in our last meeting we consolidated funds into the Operating Cash account and closed the following checking accounts; Building, Jempelis, Festival, and GOYA. This allowed us to place \$250K from Operating Cash into a 6-month CD earning roughly 4.25%. We anticipate roughly \$10,600 in interest income from this investment.
3. January thru February 2023 compared to the same period in 2022.
4. February 2023 compared to January thru February 2023.

#### **General comments**

1. Stewardship for February was \$49,675 – a record month! The first two months of 2023 are 52% or \$26,442 over the same period in 2022. For reference, our \$260K annual target averages \$21,670/month – we're 79% ahead of this goal as of February 28<sup>th</sup>.
2. Memorial Donations through February 2023 were \$6,060 versus \$3,630 through the same period last year.
3. Parking and Hall Rental income was \$8,355 through February 2023 versus \$5,823 through the same period last year – a 43% increase.
4. Staff Salaries are up as we've expanded Demos' roll to include Youth Director.
5. Church Expense of \$10,075 covered the cost of the new chairs for the Hall. Note that this was subsidized by several of the church ministries.
  - a) \$2000 Agia Paraskevi Society
  - b) \$2000 Seniors Group
  - c) \$3000 Hellenic Cultural Society
  - d) \$3000 Philoptochos
6. Repairs & Maintenance expense was \$8,910 in 2023 compared to \$1,913 in 2022. This year's total includes
  - a) \$3,713 EMS services
    1. Installation of security live stream cameras that allow us to monitor the premises 24/7 with recorded video.
    2. TVs for the Sunday School classrooms as teachers migrate to on-line lesson plans, Virtual Sunday School videos, and Archdiocese video programs for Greek School.
  - b) \$2,149 to Crosby Brownlie for maintenance.