



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM
2. Opening Prayer by Fr. Angelo
3. Quorum / Roll Call-absent: Peggy and Minas; all others present
4. Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes—Ron moved approval, Karen 2nd; passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report** -- We had roughly \$464K in unrestricted funds available as of March 31, 2023. This includes Operating Cash \$184K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, and PayPal \$2K. 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.
6. **Stewardship Report** – See Stewardship and Financial report-- below
7. **Old Business**
 - Windows installation progress—D spoke to Alex and they are going to get some installed before the festival. Frames and glass to be moved out of the way before the Festival.
 - Landscaping proposal – see attached—Eric moved to accept edging proposal for \$850; Helen 2nd; passed.
 - Holy Week post review-Chanter from Greece got positive reviews; suggest housing him close to the church next year.
 - Spring GA-21 May 2023—We will present review of financials for 2022. Van and Patty will explain to the community about potential for community center—Van getting architectural renderings. This will be about -2 floors total--5000 sq ft total; will create smaller hall for our Parish groups...with secluded courtyard. We will use a stepped approach to present to all the church groups.
8. **New Business**
 - Hall Status-New system proposed to offer pre -determined dates for rental.
 - July leave schedule for Fr. A-he will be gone for 3 weeks. Suggested that one Sunday we go to Holy Spirit; Fr. James come here one week; and then back to Holy Spirit

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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9. Education and Activities

- Youth Director -See attached report; Demos also recommends using Rumble because of YouTube restrictions.
- NY State Youth Lock in Rochester Sat. 13 May...see attached.
- Tuesday Zoom Discussion – Lenten Study. Holy Week: From Jerusalem to Resurrection
- Thursday YouTube Orthodoxy Q&A Livechat – 7-8:30pm
- Vasilios Koupas wins NY district Level SJC Oratorical Festival @ St. Sophia in Syracuse; moving to Diocese level.

10. Public Relations/Outreach/ Visitations

11. Communications Ministry – See attached report

12. Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep

- Kitchen Cleaning. Downstairs complete. Upstairs kitchen completed.
- Emergency Medical Supplies in the Kitchen Prep areas
- Ongoing - Spring semi-annual Preventive Maintenance (PM) with Crosbie; had issues with A/C—problem with controller to be resolved.
- Completed building walk-thru to compile maintenance list with Van Yannas. Solar options for the roof discussed—will look at proposals.
- handicapped ramp—alternatives discussed...possibly with a lift???

13. Office/General Supplies – No issues

- No issues

14. Fund Raising Updates

- Greek Festival

15. Closing prayer / Adjournment: 7:06 PM



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Youth and Communication Ministry Reports

Ministry	Progress	Next Steps
Youth Director	<p>Participated in Archdiocese Youth Ministers conference (OYAM) from 31Mar-3 Apr.</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>Please see my report from my trip which outlines what I saw in Houston and recommendations for us here.</p> <p>Over the next month, I plan to collect feedback on this project and meet with Father Angelo and other key players for development before my presentation at this month's General Assembly.</p> <p>The next GOYA event is the PAN_GOYA NY District Rock-In set for May 12-13 at Central Rock Gym in Rochester. We're still collecting sign ups/waivers and Buffalo is bussing a group of kids to join us. We've reached out to the other churches and are awaiting specifics this week.</p>	<p>I am beginning weekly meetings through May with each of the four youth ministries. This will set the foundation for our 2023-24 liturgical year and youth ministry rollout. The meetings will include: reviewing the website and new group specific pages; website training; event planning for 2023-24 and long range goals.</p> <p>Some of the events we hope to host in 2023-24 include: Eternal Flame Falls trip (Buffalo to join) in September, lasertron, skiing, Rock-In 2 (dependent on feedback), Strong Museum of Play, Seabreeze, escape room, movie nights, and the return of the much requested NYC Greek Independence Day parade trip. We will also begin to host more regular events catered to young adults.</p> <p>This month will also see the release of our new "agocny" email addresses. We are moving away from MailChimp and migrating to the Archdiocese approved Constant Contact. Easier to use (plug and play), more manageable, and less likely to end up in spam boxes.</p>
Communications & Website	<p>YOUTUBE CHANNEL</p> <p>In March, we broke the 10K subscriber goal. We are fast approaching 11K with 535 new subscribers in April for a current total of 10,778.</p> <p>April Stats</p> <p>60.4K views (March reached 46.2K views) 5.6K hours watched (March reached 4.8K hours watched)</p> <p>New subscribers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March - 480 April - 535 <p>Notable videos and views in April:</p> <p>Holy Pascha Resurrection Service 2023 - 3K Greek Orthodoxy 101 Vestments series 2.6K Good Friday (Office of Lamentations) 1.4K views Palm Sunday - 1.1K views Easter Sunday Agape Service - 1.1K views</p>	<p>Continuing my website refresh. We are improving UX design, cleaning up minor bugs and misalignments, replacing headers on all posts and webpages, updating the calendar to be more inclusive, gallery updates, a continuation of the aforementioned Youth Ministry section, reworking the resource and education sections, and, lastly, developing a new landing page.</p> <p>This month will also see the addition of two new social media platforms. With YouTube becoming a bit more hostile to Christianity, we will begin mirroring our content on Rumble - the fastest growing competitive video platform on the market. Additionally, we will roll out a presence on Instagram.</p>



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STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR EOM MAR 2023

General comments

- Stewardship for March was \$32,836. The first three months of 2023 are 10% or \$10,382 over the same period in 2022. For reference, our \$260K annual target averages \$21,670/month – we're 70% ahead of this goal as of March 31st.
- Memorial Donations through March 2023 were \$12,193 versus \$15,328 through the same period last year – a difference of (\$3,134) or -20.5%.
- Sunday Candle receipts through the 1st quarter 2023 were \$7,694, a 5% decrease over the same period in 2022.
- Hall Rental income was \$4,568 through March 2023 versus \$1,700 through the same period last year – a 169% increase.
- Church Expense was overstated by \$6,510 – this amount should have been posted as payroll. We will adjust this moving forward.
- Repairs & Maintenance expense was \$11,206 in March and included \$1,675 for Kitchen Cleaning, \$2,226 to EMS, \$2,829 to Crosby Brownlie, and \$2,027 for Salt for de-icing.
- Communications expense included \$4,850 to purchase a new computer which is the church-owned computer. (Demos was using his personal computer in the interim) This computer is used for
 - Youth Director office work
 - Editing of Sunday School and Educational videos (Greek Orthodoxy 101 and Orthodoxy Fact or Fiction)
 - Producing live-stream.

Also see attached financial reports for March 2023.

1. Financial Report March 2023 – includes a Balance Sheet at the end of the report. We had roughly \$464K in unrestricted funds available as of March 31, 2023. This includes Operating Cash \$184K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, and PayPal \$2K. 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.
2. January - March 2023 compared to the same period in 2022.
3. March 2023 compared to January - March 2023.



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LANDSCAPING PROPOSAL

For: Allen McCosky amakovsk@rochester.rr.com 962 East Ave Rochester, NY, 14607-2241

Estimate No: 390

Date: 11/13/2022

Description

Quantity Rate Amount Ten Yards of black mulch delivered and installed \$1,300.00

13 trees install edging material and labor and labor \$850.00

Fall cleanup around main building and lot up to building. Leaving back half “university side” for spring \$500.00

Spring cleanup all areas and specifically fence line area with hydrangeas \$600.00

Bush and Shrub trimming including deadhead hydrangeas and cleanup (as needed when just bushes and shrubs \$500) \$650.00

Subtotal \$3,900.00 TAX 8% \$312.00 Total \$4,212.00 Total \$4,212.00