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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING November 6, 2023

1. Meeting called to order a 6:10 PM
2. **Opening Prayer** by Fr. Angelo
3. **Quorum / Roll Call**—Peggy absent; all others present
4. **Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes** --Eric moved approval; Ron seconded; approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Eric reviewed finances from the report below; commented that stewardship is up 9%
6. **Stewardship Report** – See Stewardship and Financial report below:
8. **Old Business**
 - Financial Audit update -needs to be completed.
 - Basement windows update--Fr. talked with Dean Stathopoulos about completing installation and also got a quote from another glass company; Fr. A. to follow up.
 - Landscaping clarification from Alan—spring cleanup quote—to vote on this in the spring.
7. **New Business**
 - Final Preparation for Fall General Assembly, Sunday 12 Nov and approval of Spring GA minutes—proposed budget discussed; Eric recommends salary increase for Youth Director/Communications Director and is included in the proposed budget. Fr. and Eric described a new website project Demos is working on—waiting for the Diocese to commit funds for this, possibly \$10-\$15000. Helen moved to approve the proposed budget; Karen seconded; passed. Talking points—community center; expansion, etc. Van to generate list for GA by collecting thoughts from each PC member by email.
 - Election Committee-Peggy not returning; Eric to make announcement asking for any nominees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Education and Activities



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- Youth Director -See attached report
- Reserve Lenten Speaker and venue – 13 April – Dr. Jeanne Constantinou; Fr. contacted MAG—auditorium fee is \$1000; also have restaurant there; the charge will be \$25/person.
- Tuesday Zoom Discussion ongoing - Study of Gospel of John
- Thursday YouTube Livechat – 7-8:30pm

9. Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep

- Completion of A/C replacement – control systems update—quote for \$16,000 from Crosbie to get rid of controls that are broken and update to new controls; We need to get more quotes--Eric will further investigate and send out the quote to us; had to replace hot water heater, Eric got better quote than Crosbie for replacement...replacement completed.
- Water Leakage Issue—proposal from Milestone reviewed but we need breezeway recalked.
- Center Court Flagpole and Military Memorial project—Fr. met with Elias Tonia regarding this. Fr. A. to follow up with more meetings.
- Landscape / grounds maintenance

10. Office/General Supplies – No issues

- No issues

11. Public Relations/Outreach/ Visitations

12. Communications Ministry – see attached report. OXI dance cleared \$1500 toward nursing room renovations.

13. Fund Raising Updates

14. Chanter—Fr. would like to possibly bring Pro, chanter from last year from Greece, here for 2 months to train chanters, including Easter services; proposal to include airline and housing. We decided to propose \$2000/month. Minas to contact Pro regarding this and Fr. to draft email asking for participants.

15. Closing prayer / Adjournment: 7:40 PM



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STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR EOM September

1. Financial Report September 2023 – We had roughly \$561K in unrestricted funds available as of September 30, 2023. This includes Operating Cash \$155K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, PayPal \$2K, and \$375K in three CD's. Please note, as discussed in our Spring 2023 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%. Note, the CD's matured in mid-August 2023 – we added a third \$125K 6 month CD at that time all earning 5.35%.

General comments follow;

1. Stewardship through September is up \$26,138 or 13.7% over the same period in 2022. For reference, our \$260K annual target averages \$21,670/month.
2. Memorial Donations through September 2023 were \$19,278 versus \$29,893 through the same period last year – a difference of (\$10,615) or -35.5%.
3. Candle receipts through September 2023 up 2.7% or \$1,247 over the same period in 2022.
4. Hall Rental & Parking Income through September 2023 was \$39,075 versus \$30,414 through the same period last year – a difference of \$8,661 or 28.5%.
5. Greek School revenue through September 2023 was down \$1,190 or 7.0% of the same period in 2022.
6. Unrestricted Income through September 2023 was \$35,602 versus \$112,998 in 2022 – a difference of (\$77,395) or -68.5%.



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Youth Ministry Report – October 2023

We have officially kicked off our rejuvenated Youth Programs with a bang! In October, we hosted a wide array of events focused from kids and teens to young adults and helped fundraise for worthy, local causes. Following our first event at the end of September, the Eternal Flame Falls Adventure Hike, we were also able to establish a strong collaborative drive from our sister churches, specifically Buffalo which delivered a big turnout. Moving forward, we aim to make Rochester a central destination for further events, uniting our children and teens throughout Western New York.

Children & Pre-Teens As mentioned in last month's article, one of our big focuses has been to build and support programming for our younger children with an aim to strengthen our future Teen and Young Adult groups. Many times, these younger children have been overlooked in favor of teen programming leaving only Sunday School and Greek School to pick up the slack. Our Summer Vacation Bible School event proved that we have many children ready for activity. Thus, in October, we held our annual Blessing of the Animals and Trunk or Treat events to continue this path and we are looking forward to our first ever Seneca Park ZooMobile event in November.

Teen Ministry / GOYA As we continue to try and grow our Teen Ministry, we have met many scheduling conflicts and obstacles; yet, this month's event proved a massive step in the right direction with the success of our Escape from Rochester! Escape Room event which saw a great turnout. We elected our GOYA president and strengthened parental involvement. Looking forward to November, we hope to have an even greater turnout with our Lasertron Pizza Party event which should include groups from our sister churches joining in the fun! Young Adult In October, we launched the first monthly

Young Adult Meet-Up program at Mullers Cider House. The aim of this program is to set up casual meetups and activities every month for our young adults and couples to help solidify community and the future of our parish. These meetups may include dinner and/or drinks at local venues, activities such as axe-throwing and bowling, and may even grow to more organized trips and destinations in the future. In November, we'll be visiting Rochester's first craft brewery, Rohrbach. Additionally, by the time you read this, ENA will have held their second annual Oxi Day Dance with the goal of raising funds for our new young Mother's Room. I'm sure it was a great success and thank you to all who participated.

Outreach Also in October, we held the first of what we aim to be a monthly outreach and charity program. The goal is to bring together all our ministries, such as ENA, Philoptochos, Sunday School, and Greek School, to sponsor a different charity or fundraising drive each month.

This month, we participated in the AFSP Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk and raised approximately \$2,000 towards the cause. Next month, we will be joining the East Ave Grocery Run to help raise money for Foodlink.

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Upcoming November Events: November 4th - East Avenue Grocery Run (all ages – register on our website to join) November 5th - Seneca Park ZooMobile (all ages) November 8th - Young Adult Meet-Up: Rohrbach Brewing Co. (21+) November 12th & 19th – Christmas Pageant Practice November 17th - LASERTRON and Pizza Party! (ages 12-18 Teen Ministry / GOYA event)



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