



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING September, 2023

- Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM
- Opening Prayer by Fr. Angelo
- Quorum / Roll Call; Ron, Peggy, Minas, Van, absent; Eric, Karen, Demitri, Helen, Patty present
- Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes—Karen moved approval; Patty seconded, passed.
- **Treasurer's Report** – see below; Eric reported that we opened a new CD this week—third one; there are no large projects upcoming. He will ask at GA if parish wants to proceed on new addition; he reviewed draft of festival report—well over budgeted amount for profit.
- We had roughly \$588K in unrestricted funds available as of July 31, 2023. This includes Operating Cash \$308K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, PayPal \$2K, and \$250K in two 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%.
- **Stewardship Report** – See Stewardship and Financial report below
- 8. **Old Business**
  - Windows installation progress –Fr. talked to Dean S.—he is going to send guys in on Tues to install windows...we will pay them
  - Parking Lot Security Update—Helen contacted Frank regarding security; Eric contacted Quatela—they are looking for proposal to offset the cost.
- **New Business**
  - Landscaping Quotes—Alan explained quotes; Alan contacted Evan Pashalides regarding lawn care and he will get us a quote.

Ministry Strategy Presentation – Sunday School—Karina and Lauren gave powerpoint presentation discussing Religious Education—presenting Strategic Plan 1,3,5 years

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Education and Activities**



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- Youth Director -See attached report—Eric to meet with Demos regarding YouTube funds
- Upcoming Youth Events SEP/OCT
  - September 17th: Blessing of the Vehicles
  - September 28<sup>th</sup>: OXI Day Dance
  - September 30<sup>th</sup> Eternal Flame Falls Adventure Hike - Buffalo
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> Escape Room Night - GOYA
  - October 21st: Blessing of the Animals
  - October 28th: Trunk or Treat 4:00pm
- **Public Relations/Outreach/ Visitations**
  - September: Rochester Hope Food Pantry Collection-posters to be made up
  - Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk, American Foundation Suicide Prevention
- **Communications Ministry /Youth Director** – Updates to website taking place...Demos reported:

YouTube-- Our videos and livestreams are going stronger than ever with a particular new success path with YouTube shorts. Moving forward for 2023-24, we will feature a new release schedule. Every Friday (day may change based on analytics), we will feature a rotation of our various video series. Virtual Sunday School will be released every two weeks with a Greek Orthodox 101 or Tartan Priest filling the gap every other week (example: Week 1/Sunday School, Week 2/101, Week 3/Sunday School, Week 4/Tartan Priest, etc.). [Note: a few “OFF” weeks have been worked in for holidays, additional livestream events, and general sanity.] Our Fact vs Fiction series will be retooled as quick YouTube shorts as an alternative avenue for reach. Additionally, our year in production/release of our 14-part Orthodox Vestment series will conclude with the release of our first documentary. Each of the 14 parts will combine into a 75-minute feature which we will release in the “off season.” Furthermore, we have had other Metropolises reach out to let us know that they will be incorporating our Virtual Sunday School videos as part of their curriculum. We have had very positive responses and our parish has made a significant contribution to many children! Youth Ministry We begin our 2023-24 Youth Ministry with success! Sunday School’s August Youth Retreat saw an overwhelming response and we’re poising the children to continue the path from Sunday School to Teen Ministry to Young Adult programs.

We are currently collecting the new parental registration for our Teen Ministry with safety as our number one priority. We will be keeping track of all outside-of-church events with emergency contact and allergy information for each teen as well as establishing a trusted group of chaperones and transportation volunteers. Please register if you haven’t yet!



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The biggest challenge, as many of you may know, has been to get our Young Adults more involved in the community. ENA has taken point to plan their annual Oxi Day and Apokriatiko dances but we will take the extra step and establish a regular rotation of “meet ups” at various venues in Rochester. We aim for the establishment of consistency and strengthening our core group of young adults.

### **September Events**

9/10 – First Day of Sunday School

9/16 – Greek School Parent Orientation

9/17 – Blessing of the Vehicles event

9/23 – First Day of Greek School

9/30 – Eternal Flame Falls Teen Ministry Adventure

TBA – Rochester Hope Food Pantry Collection

- **Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep**
  - Maintenance Walk-Thru on August 18 with Fr. And Van Yannas—they are compiling a list of items that need attention
- **Office/General Supplies – No issues**
  - No issues
- **Fund Raising Updates**
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Annunciation Golf Tournament
  - After Action Festival meeting held 30 Aug.
  - Rochester Police Dept. did updated security check of the grounds...they found drug paraphernalia in the back..suggest we need more lighting.
- **Closing prayer / Adjournment: 7:42 PM**



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### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Approximately \$588K in unrestricted funds available as of July 31, 2023. This includes:

- Operating Cash \$308K
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- PayPal \$2K
- Two 6-month CD's for a total of \$250K earning 5.35%.
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### **General comments**

1. Stewardship for July was \$1,945. Through July 2023, Stewardship is up \$7,600 or 4.6% over the same period in 2022. For reference, our \$260K annual target averages \$21,670/month.
2. Memorial Donations through July 2023 were \$15,768 versus \$29,393 through the same period last year which is a difference of (\$13,625) or -46.4%.
3. Candle receipts through July 2023 were \$39,370, a 2.5% increase over the same period in 2022.
4. Hall Rental income through July 2023 was \$10,205 versus \$3,450 through the same period last year – a difference of \$6,755 or 196%.
5. The P&L through July includes a good portion of Festival revenue and expense. Festival revenues – provided we collect all sponsorship revenue – will total roughly \$525K. Festival expenses through today are \$342K. Festival net proceeds should exceed \$180K provided all revenue is collected.