



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 8, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer by Fr. Angelo
3. Quorum / Roll Call—Patty absent; Zac Graham (newly elected PC) present
4. Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes

Karen moved approval of Nov minutes; Ron seconded; passed.

Demitri moved approval of Dec. minutes; Eric seconded; passed.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Eric reviewed report and commented that stewardship for year close to \$282,000--over budgeted amount.

We had roughly \$557K in unrestricted funds available as of November 30, 2023. This includes Operating Cash \$131K, Zutes Maintenance \$28K, PayPal \$3K, and \$395K in four 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% at that time.

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

8. Old Business

- PC Election – 17 Dec – Zach Graham elected.
- Ratification request sent to Metropolis.

7. New Business

- Review and Approve Projects survey to the community—reviewed and revised; Van to send revisions to Fr. A.
- Fr. A. to send weekly email updates
- SS and Greek School asked for library built along the wall by the chapel; drawings presented; Speedwell estimate of \$8000—PC members decided to look at other options.
- Building a candle closet where the lost and found is in the Narthex-\$6500—on hold



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- Who to quote on downstairs bathroom remodel?? BLM to quote; Minas to get quote
- Festival Exec Comm meeting in a few weeks; need new grills and loukoumades machine—to get quotes, fix the warmers, need to see what grills can be salvaged.
- Karen commented on Narthex schedule – need to text if not available/not showing up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Education and Activities

- Youth Director -See attached report
- Tuesday Zoom Discussion ongoing - Study of Gospel of John
- Thursday YouTube Livechat – 7-8:30pm –over 1000 views on Youtube videos
- Upcoming Events for Great Lent
 - Memorial Art Gallery Auditorium reserved for Lenten Speaker – 13 April – Dr. Jeanne Constantinou. She will be speaking on her latest book [Crucifixion of the King of Glory](#)
 - We have procured Prothromos Karagiannis once again to chant from the beginning of Great Lent thru Holy Week. While here he will offer a Byzantine chant workshop for those parishioners wishing to learn chant. He will be here beginning of April.

9. Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep

- Choir heating problem resolved-Crosbie—wire not connected to thermostat.
- Review options for completion of A/C control systems -
- Landscape / grounds maintenance.

10. Office/General Supplies – No issues

- No issues

11. Public Relations/Outreach/ Visitations—hoping to have Lena back 3 days a week starting this week.

In home meals: Fr. sat with George A and got a menu and got names of volunteers; will start with T/Th delivery. Eric to check liability of drivers and food—risky aspect is delivery—will look into courier service.

12. Communications Ministry – see attached report

13. Fund Raising Updates-Festival Committee to meet Jan. 22.

14. Closing prayer / Adjournment: 7:23 PM



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STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR EOM NOV

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- \$125,000, 5.35% Fifth Third Bank due 02/29/24.
- \$125,000, 5.35% Wells Fargo Bank due 03/01/24.
- \$16,000, 5.50% JP Morgan Chase Bank due 08/21/24.
- \$128,663, 5.5% due 12/3/24.

January through November 2023 compared to the same period in 2022.

November 2023 compared to January thru November 2023.

General comments

- Stewardship through November is up \$17,987 or 8.2% over the same period in 2022. For reference, our \$260K annual target averages \$21,670/month. Stewardship for October 2023 totaled \$13,106.
- **Stewardship contributions for December 2023 were roughly \$43K allowing us to finish 2023 at \$282K – a 10% increase over 2022.**
- Memorial Donations through November 2023 were \$22,048 versus \$31,738 through the same period last year – a difference of (\$9,689) or (30.5%).
- Candle receipts through November 2023 were up 0.5% or \$236 over the same period last year.
- Hall rental through November 2023 was up \$3,781 or 36% over the same period last year.
- Parking income through November 2023 was up \$7,499 or 32% over the same period last year.
- Utility expenses are within \$4.00 of the total spent through the same period in 2022.