



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

1. **Call to Order** at 12:38
2. **Opening Prayer** by Fr. Angelo
3. **Meeting chairperson and Secretary:** Helen nominated Karen for Chair, seconded by Lisa; passed. Karen nominated Helen for GA secretary; Ron seconded; passed.
4. **Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes:** Karen moved approval; Eleni P. seconded; passed.
5. **Treasurer Report and Stewardship-** Demetri reviewed report and proposed budget as distributed; he commented that stewardship down compared to last year. We have increased expenses, including Security and full time Youth Minister, something that the Parish has asked for, compared to last year. He commented that stewardship is not keeping pace with expenses.
Fr. talked about the importance of stewardship, emphasizing that stewardship is something that comes from the heart.
6. **Approval of 2025 budget**—Budget was reviewed; questions answered—Helen moved approval; Athi seconded; passed.
7. **Election Nominations** —There are 2 positions open on the PC and we are seeking nominations; nominations should be emailed to the church office.
8. **Ministry and Organization Reports**—
 - a. **Fund Raising Events**
 - Greek Festival—report on Spreadsheet; there was an increase in overall expenses, especially labor.
 - Golf Outing—continues to do well, highest number of golfers but expenses also increased; question of continuing it at Cobblestone
 - Hall Rental -Zac explained that we had difficulties with hall manager and rentals but moving in right direction with new hall manager; dates are restricted for rental to the public; around \$13,000 income. With golf tournament, parking income, and hall rental we have well over \$100,000 income. Questions on hall rental and maintenance-suggestion that it needs to be painted.
 - b. **Youth Director Report**-Demos gave report and has had great success in bringing in young adults and kids. The Dec. bourbon tasting is to take place at church. He has scheduled monthly movie night with all ages. Sunday School enrollment really shot up



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this year. He commented on the problem of getting teens connected and indicated that connecting with them through Greek dance hopefully will work better as they are already present.

- c. While events with the younger kids and pre-teens is well attended, teen attendance is still elusive. Demos had 3 events over the summer and communicated by email to parents but did not have a good response—wants to build on current pre-teens for future events. He is investigating more options regarding communication. Demos and Fr. Angelo conceded that building a future for teen ministry will continue to be a challenge and that he would like to interact more with teens.
- d. **Communications Ministry**—Demos commented that YouTube Orthodoxy Questions and Answers going strong with weekly shows--gaining subscribers every month. There is income coming in to help make it self-sustaining. Sunday livestream is most popular—100% of the converts when asked “Why are you here??” answered that it was through Youtube channels, videos, etc. He informed parish of booklet of variety of programs for the youth at the Narthex.

- i. Religious Education
- ii. Philoptochos
- iii. Choir/Chant
- iv. GOYA
- v. Greek School
- vi. Seniors Group
- vii. Cultural Groups

In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided at the General Assembly meeting.

9. Call for Questions

- 10. **General Maintenance and Upkeep**- We finally have a heating and cooling program integrated into a single program, along with a maintenance program that maintains our equipment twice a year.

11. Old Business

Update on Capital Improvement efforts (as presented at Spring GA)—Zach reminded the Parish that \$65,000 funding was approved to explore projects—the ramp, lift for handicapped access and handicapped bathrooms for the hall. We have hired Hanlon and their concept renderings and floor plans on our website. We have spent \$7500 so far. He reported that we are in the process of collecting numbers on everything and will also post renderings in the hall and get feedback.



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He described suggested plans for a covered, not enclosed ramp on the side. Suggestion for the lift is to replace it with slightly bigger lift—more of an elevator experience. We are also looking at adding handicapped bathrooms on the hall level, and have come up with designs to improve kitchen space for the festival along with storage--renderings on web site. We are waiting for numbers to come back. Concern raised that we need to revamp bathrooms downstairs.

12. **New Business**—Helen nominated Juan as Election Chair; Ron seconded; passed. The election date is Dec.22,2025
13. **Call for Adjournment**—2:02 p.m.
14. **Closing Prayer** by Fr. Angelo