

## **HOLY APOSTLES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 21, 2013**

**Call to Order:** President George Chechopoulos called the regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council to order at 7:38 pm.

Parish Council members in attendance: George Alex, Peter Bell, George Chechopoulos, Cindy Clark, James Fotopoulos, Tom Gregory, Paul Kallis, James Kapolas, Louis Katzioris, Nick Kirkeles, Nick Kouchis, Mary Maragos, Peter Poteres, and Steven Savas

Parish Council member(s) not in attendance: Terry Chiganos, George Mannos, Jr.  
Father Bill Chiganos and Father Nicholas Georgiou were in attendance.

**Opening Prayer** was offered by George Chechopoulos.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the October 17, 2013 meeting were reviewed by Paul Kallis. Louis Katzioris moved to approve the minutes, Mary Maragos seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Financial/Treasurers Report:** The comparative financial report dated Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 was reviewed by Peter Bell. Paul Kallis moved to approve the financial statements dated Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, subject to year-end review Tom Gregory seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Stewardship Report:** Louis Katzioris reviewed the Stewardship Report for October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Pledges to date for 2013 are 770 which are 12 better than this period last year. Total amount pledged to date for 2013 is \$658,634.25 which is \$11,840.71 less than the same period last year. The average pledge of \$855.37 is \$29.17 less than this period last year. Percent paid to date is 92% vs. 91% for the same period last year.

**Correspondence:** The correspondence was reviewed by Paul Kallis.

- Thank you from the OCN for our \$500 donation.
- Thank you from St. Nicholas of Myra and the University of Kansas OCF for our choir robe donation.
- Thank you from Nick Paloumpis for our support of the Choir Federation
- Thank you from the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation for our donation in the memory of Mary Postulka.
- The Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, IL is holding its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on Dec. 22, 2013.
- The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Metropolis of Chicago is having its Gala on Jan. 11, 2014 at the Chicago Cultural Center.
- George Chechopoulos read a letter from Archbishop Demetrios regarding the Philippines relief fund. The board also discussed the tornado damage in IL. Jim Fotopoulos made a motion to pass a basket on Sunday to collect money for both causes and to have the church match the donation. Louis Katzioris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Meditation:**

Father Bill reflected on today being the Presentation of the Theotokos as a child to the temple.

**Committee Reports & Upcoming Events**

**Building & Grounds:** Jim Fotopoulos and Steve Savas presented the report.

- The RPZ Back Flow Preventer has been installed.
- The electrical work has been completed.
- The work on the new shed on the south side has been completed.
- Steve Savas and Nick Kirkeles met with the town inspector on 10/21 regarding the bathroom permit. They are now waiting for a response from the state inspector.
- Steve contacted our A/V company to look at the A/V system now that electrical has been fixed in order to make sure the system is working.

**Old Business:**

- Nick Kirkeles updated us on the Gus Danos sponsored luncheon. Nick wanted to thank Mr. Danos and Greek Islands for having the event as well as Eleni Hatzihristodoulou who made the candy favors for the luncheon. George Chechopoulos thanked Nick Kirkeles for organizing the event.
- Tom Gregory provided an update on Stewardship Sunday.
- Cindy provided an updated on the directory.

**New Business:**

- George Chechopoulos said that in light of the computer issues we faced he provided the committee a list of items to look at regarding our overall IT infrastructure. He also thanked Nick Kouchis and the committee for helping resolve the immediate virus issue. Nick Kouchis provided an update on the incident.
- Cindy Clark presented a concept for having a new visitor sign in.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Father Nicholas delivered the closing prayer.

Tom Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Peter Bell seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

*Paul Kallis*

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Father William Chiganos  
Protopresbyter

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George Chechopoulos  
President

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Paul Kallis  
Secretary