

HOLY APOSTLES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
8/8/24 @ 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order: by Norm Pomrening at 7:31 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Father Dokos
3. Recite Mission Statement: Norm Pomrening
4. Approval of Minutes: Val Dranias moved to approve the minutes of the 7/18/24 PC minutes; Sandy Pihos seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. Correspondence: Val Dranias – thank you from the Crossroads Team for our hospitality. Nick Kirkeles moved that we purchase a full page ad for the Choir Conference and Jim Maragos seconded it. Unanimously approved.
6. Ecclesiastical Report: Father Dokos – Father George presented information on *The Transfiguration of Our Savior* from *The Prologue* from *Ochrid* by St. Nikolai and also *The Transfiguration* from *The Orthodox Study Bible*. We discussed how several elements of The Transfiguration show that Christ is Messiah and God.
7. Ministries

- a. Finance: Steve Milak Capital Account has \$567,516.31 as of 7/31/24. Operating Account has \$760,975.90 as of 7/31/24. Total cash as of 7/31/24 is \$1,328,492.21.

- b. Stewardship & Welcoming: Sandy Pihos – Stewardship

Metric	July 2023 TYD	July 2024 YTD	% Change
Number of Pledges	590	628	6%
Total Pledged	\$750,514	\$773,410	3%
Amount Collected	\$625,431	\$677,006	8%
Median Pledge	\$700	\$600	-14%
Average Pledge	\$1,272	\$1,232	-3%

Sandy reported that the Ministry Fair will be on Sunday, September 8th. Ministries will be organized by category and will have a sign-up and volunteer sheet at each table. The fellowship hour will be organized by Sandy Pihos. Blood and bone marrow drive ideas brought forward by Patty Pappas from the Clergy Laity Conference will be passed along to the Missions Ministry. Upcoming Dates:
Saturday, 8/3 at 5 pm Vespers Potluck
Tuesday, 8/13 at 7 pm Outreach Project
Monday, 8/19 at 3:30 pm Backpack Distribution
Saturday, 8/31 at 10 am Fifth Saturday Serve
Saturday, 9/21 at 10 am Parish beautification and fall planting
Saturday, 11/9 at 7 pm BINGO-

- c. Building & Grounds: Norm Pomrening – Chris Pepke will return from Europe in a week. McBrady to do the annual roof inspection.
- d. Ushering: George Chechopoulos – 4 dates need to be covered.

- e. Greek School: Lena Theotikos – 70 currently enrolled for the 24-25 year; probably will have 92 students; hiring a new teacher; the PTO Dinner Dance will be 2/16/25. Contracts are being updated to conform to changes in labor law. Through grant money \$4,000 can cover part of the \$6,000 cost for 20 desks and chairs with \$1,000 from the PTO. Lena moved that if needed the PC would pay up to \$1,000 toward the desks and chairs. Peter Bell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- f. Missions: Peter Bell – Peter Bell moved that the PC pay a \$200 donation for the preparation of the Birthday food bags. Sandy Pihos seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

8. Old Business:

- a. Donation to Metropolis: Norm Pomrening – the Metropolis is asking us for an additional donation of \$10,183.96. Jim Maragos moved that we send \$5,000 and Lena Theotikos seconded the motion. Motion passed Yes-5; opposed-4.
- b. Picnic Review: Norm Pomrening – over 400 attended. Need to order more food in the future. A big success thanks to Elaine Katzioris and her committee of 66 volunteers. Attendees want us to bring back the egg toss.
- c. Foundation Update: Jim Maragos reported that they met as a committee and that their main task is to come up with a Selection Committee. Calls were made and the Foundation should be up and running by Jan. 1, 2025. The Foundation Committee recommends the following:
 - i. Selection Committee – Alicia Magas, Freida Varlas, and Christos Linardakis
 - ii. Jim Maragos moved that we approve the 3 members of the Selection Committee; Emilia Linardakis seconded the motion with Paul Kuchuris and John Andrews as alternates. Motion approved with 1 abstention.
- d. Altar Boy Robes: Father Georgiou – finalizing the package to be presented to the Metropolis for approval.
- e. Anniversary Luncheon: Sandy Pihos – next meeting is 8/27.
- f. Office Reorganization: Jim Maragos – the committee has met twice. The second meeting included Lou Kafkes. We're looking to hire part-time secretarial help. Lou is to come up with a list of tasks. Part time help is needed.
- g. Parish Administrator to attend PC meetings. Bill Leider moved that the Parish Administrator be allowed to attend PC meetings; Sandy Pihos seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- h. The Parish Council instructed the Parish Administrator and Alicia Magas to investigate new contracts on office equipment.

9. New Business:

- a. Elections Report: Sandy Pihos – Sandy presented documents which have been used in past election. The documents contain a lot of contradictions that need to be aligned. It was noted that absentee voting is available. Parish Assembly will vote for the Election Committee. Sandy provided packets to the PC members for review.

10. Review of Actions Taken in this Meeting: Norm Pomrening

11. Next Meeting: 9/19

12. Key Dates:

- a. Parish Assembly -10/6
- b. Elections -12/8

13. Closing Prayer: Father Georgiou

14. Adjourn: Norm Pomrening at 8:57 pm.