

HOLY APOSTLES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3/21/24 @ 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order: Norm Pomrening at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening Prayer: Father Dokos
3. Recite Mission Statement: Norm Pomrening
4. Approval of Minutes: Val Dranias moved to approve the February minutes and Sandy Pihos seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. Correspondence: Val Dranias: Thank you notes from Michael and Sophia Hamalis for the ornament and the YAL Chicago Board for the \$1000 donation for the non-alcoholic beverages for the YAL Conference. Request from IOCC for the purchase of a table at their May 16 Gala. Nick Kirkeles moved that we purchase a table at the cost of \$1250 for the Gala. Peter Bell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
6. Ecclesiastical Report: Father Dokos – We read and discussed Day 4 of *Lenten Spring* by Thomas Hopko; *Return to the Father*. Reflection on Lent – a gift from the Fathers. We can come home to God. PC members urged to take part in Holy Confession.
7. Ministries
 - a. Finance: Steve Milak
 - i. Treasurer's Report – the total Operating and Capital Accounts balance at the end of February, 2024 is \$1,313,589.17. Steve is accumulating more data to better understand our financial status.
 - ii. Financial Controls – suggestion of a Policies and Procedures Manual.
 - b. Stewardship & Welcoming: Sandy Pihos
 - i. Stewardship – Our 416 YTD pledges are 4% less than the 434 we had received by the end February 2023 yet our \$602K pledged is 10% more than the \$548K pledged by February 2023. Our median pledge is \$800 equal to the \$800 YTD February 2023 median pledge. Our average pledge of \$1447 is 15% more than the \$1264 YTD February 2023 average pledge.
 - c. Building & Grounds: Chris Pepke
 - i. Landscaping – Revised Estimate
 1. We will be asking the Parish Assembly for approval of an additional \$30,000 for this project.
 - ii. Capital Projects – A Revised List of projects for 2024 was presented for a total cost of 519,400. Chris Pepke moved to present the revised list of projects to the Parish Assembly; Bill Leider seconded. Motion passed – 10 yes. 1 no.
 - d. Ushering: George Chechopoulos – please check the updated schedule.
 - e. Greek School: Norm Pomrening

- i. Float for Greek Parade - Nick Kirkeles moved that we fund half of the float cost at \$725 for the parade. Emilia Linardakis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
 - f. Missions: Sandy Pihos
 - i. Macaronatha Recap – the Macaronatha was a success. We had 300 reservations and 12 no shows. It was challenging to get product donations this year. Expenses were a little less than \$1000. Expenses should be \$1500 - \$2100 without donations. We received \$6100 in donations to support a family camp in Albania.
 - ii. Requests for Donations for Outside Organizations – We should look at where we usually donate. We need to address the unpredictable requests. Policies should be put on the Missions Committee agenda.
 - g. Young Adults: Chris Pepke
 - i. TELOS – mentorship event is progressing well.
 - ii. YAL – 20-30 attending the once a month events. Reaching out in 5 different ways. Pairing up with other churches for events. Suggestion for a possible virtual event for young adults away.
- 8. Old Business:
 - a. Foundation Update: Patty Pappas reported that Joan Berg has put in countless hours on our behalf behind the scenes for the Foundation. Hope to have everything negotiated before the Parish Assembly.
 - i. Resolved through negotiation – the removal of directors.
 - ii. There will be 7 HA directors and 2 Independent directors. The PC president and treasurer and the parish priest are 3 of the 7 HA directors with voting rights. There is a concern over a conflict of interest, PC members could act as a checks and balance.
 - iii. Difficult to ask priest not to have a vote.
 - iv. Hopefully, this will all be resolved.
 - b. Comedian Recap: Val Dranias – We had over 200 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the evening – lots of compliments, We had a profit of \$12,575, More than the \$8,000 to \$10,000 predicted.
 - c. Coffee Hour: Sandy Pihos – asking for suggestions, looking to change the letter on Sign-up Genius. May be forming a committee to help with making the coffee.
- 9. New Business:
 - a. Holy Apostles Picnic Date: Norm Pomrening – consensus for July 28.
 - b. Motions Log: Val Dranias: sent out and will be updated after each meeting.
 - c. Task Listing: Andrew Kraulos – has been assigned to do this
 - d. Funerals: Sandy Pihos - big funerals can be chaotic. Need volunteers to take care of the candles. Bill Leider volunteered to help out at funderals.
 - e. Police During Holy Week: Chris Pepke – needed Palm Sunday, Holy Friday and Anastasi for traffic control.

- f. Help Needed at HA: Val Dranias – reported that we need help for the following dates and other PC sponsored coffee hours, etc.
 - i. Clergy Retreat – 3/25 & 3/26
 - ii. Parish Assembly Coffee Hour – 4/14
 - iii. Metropolis Oratorical Festival – 5/11
- g. Calendar: Sandy Pihos – need important events such as the Parish Assembly, etc. on the calendar and the Task List for the year.

10. Next Meeting: 4/18

11. Key Dates:

- a. Salutations with HGBT – 3/29
- b. Parish Assembly – 4/14
- c. HA Oratorical Festival – 4/14
- d. Holy Tuesday with HEMN – 4/30
- e. Metropolis Oratorical Festival at HA – 5/11
- f. Clergy Laity – 6/30 thru 7/4
- g. Golf Outing at Seven Bridges – 7/8
- h. Church Family Picnic – 7/28

12. Closing Prayer: Father Georgiou

13. Adjourn: Norm Pomrening 9:40pm

Absent: Jim Maragos, Andrew Kraulos, Lena Theotikos