

HOLY APOSTLES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5/14/24 @ 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order: Norm Pomrening at 7:34 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Father Georgiou
3. Recite Mission Statement: Norm Pomrening
4. Approval of Minutes: Val Dranias – Sandy Pihos moved to accept the April meeting minutes; Patty Pappas seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. Correspondence: Val Dranias – a request was made from OCMC to attend their banquet. George Chechopoulos moved and Chris Pepke seconded the motion to purchase a table. Unanimously approved. NASR Foundation requested a donation to the school in Taybeh; referred to Missions Committee. A Thank-you was received from the IOCC for our donation.
6. Ecclesiastical Report: Father Georgiou presented an article by Fr. Lawrence Farley on *Appreciating Pascha*.
7. Ministries
 - a. Finance: Steve Milak
 - i. Treasurer's Report – there is \$1,431,350 in our Operating and Capital Accounts. We received a large donation of \$100,000 to our Capital Account.
 - ii. Holy Week Financial Review – looked at the Holy Week totals from 2014-2024. It was noted that the 2024 totals do not include any checks. Checks are being recorded differently. We are relatively stable on Holy Week donations.
 - iii. Assessment Extension - since the accounting firm audit has not been completed, a request was made to Bishop Timothy for an extension for our assessment.
 - iv. We re-upped with Weiss, our accountants, for another year.
 - b. Stewardship & Welcoming: Sandy Pihos – June 29th Fifth Saturday Service Project will be Operation Backpack with Philoptochos. We are looking for names of other schools that would benefit from this program. August 31st Fifth Saturday Serve will be activity kits for Luries Children's Center in Westchester. Spring Fest is on the calendar for Saturday, May 18th. Spring annual flower planting: parishioners can bring their favorite flowers to beautify the outside of the church before Holy Week, The date is April 27th from 10:30 to 12:00 pm. The 5K run will be June 15th at 8:30 am. The White Sox Greek Heritage Night is Thursday, June 6th. There will not be a bus option; people will be responsible for their own transportation. Connie will investigate the parking passes again, which were very reasonable last year. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 26th. The Ministry Booklet has been emailed to the Stewardship and Welcome Committee for preview and suggestions. It will also be mailed out to Ministry chairs for review of their

descriptions. We will get printing quotes for 600-750, 1000 copies in color. This will be something to have in hand for the September Ministry Fair and for future use by parishioners.

c. Building & Grounds: Chris Pepke

i. Capital Projects

1. Landscape Project – waiting for the BPA approval and the Metropolitan's approval. Hopefully, we'll get them next week.
2. Replace Economizer & HVAC Controls – in the middle of receiving and installing parts.
3. Church Lighting Project – just started it. It will be ongoing.
4. Parking Lot Patching – Key areas have been determined for the project. Going out for bids.
5. MPR Sound System – evaluating our needs.
6. Front Door – should be repaired sometime this year.

ii. Maintenance Items

1. Replacing Sump Pumps - they are on order.
2. Cost Tracking – so that we may better understand our maintenance costs.

d. Technology: Steve Milak – there are 2 proposed dates, 5/29 or 5/30 for Google Docs training. The Google Docs will allow us to Archive our Holy Apostles information in one location.

e. Ushering: George Chechopoulos - working on for July.

f. Greek School: Norm Pomrening – 1 family with multiple children is delinquent in its tuition payment. 47 have already signed up for next year.

g. Missions: Peter Bell – 5K proceeds to go to Philoxenia House.

h. Young Adults: Chris Pepke

- i. Telos Update – mentorship program cancelled due to lack of interest. Looking for different approach on advertising.

- ii. YAL Update – another event scheduled for next week.

8. Old Business:

a. Holy Week Review & Documentation: Norm Pomrening – We need clarity on when trays should be passed. Norm asked Sandy Pihos to make a comprehensive document on Holy Week protocols.

b. Cemetery Plot Update: Patty Pappas – quick claim deeds have been signed for plot swaps. We are waiting for the corporation to give us certificates. Marketing and Pricing – each plot is \$6000 if purchased directly from Chapel Hill; \$4500 from us. Should we raise the price to \$5000 – a \$23,000 profit. Greek funeral directors are underselling our price. We need more aggressive marketing. Could have a possible presentation of funeral needs and costs by Chapel Hill.

9. New Business:

a. Anniversary Luncheon: Val Dranias - Committee Report 65th
Anniversary Luncheon Submitted by Dean Futris, Chairperson:

Tentative Title/Theme: *Standing On A Strong Foundation As We Look To The Future*

- Sunday, December 29, 2024
- After Church Luncheon – NOON-tentative start time
- Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort Ballroom/guarantee of 400 guests with ability to expand as needed
- Family Friendly - Adults \$65.00 & “12 and under” \$28.00
- Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar
- Red & White Wine served during luncheon included in ticket price
- Ad Book

To date, our 65th Anniversary Committee consists of the following parishioners serving on our various committees: Denise & Dean Futris, Pat & John Anos, Joan Berg, Karen & Terry Chiganos, Valerie Dranias, Sandy Fiascone, Nick Kumis, Pam & George Pentaris, Ginny Petru, Sandy Pihos, Jan & Dennis Poulos, Steve Savas and Zoe Tomaras.

Committee chairs will be seeking additional volunteer parishioners who bring a youthful exuberance, life experience or simply a willingness to learn with a strong desire to “give back”, as we begin to look beyond the 65th towards our 70th & 75th anniversaries!

- b. Directory: Norm Pomrening – 3 volunteers
- c. Picnic: Norm Pomrening - no chair as of yet.
- d. Father Bill Memorial Coffee Hour: Norm Pomrening – will be June 9 with a coffee hour sponsored by the Parish Council.
- e. Office Organization in 2025: Norm Pomrening – Do we need additional help in the office?

10. Next Meeting: 6/13

11. Key Dates:

- a. 5K Race – 6/15
- b. Clergy Laity – 6/30 thru 7/4
- c. Golf Outing at Seven Bridges – 7/8
- d. Picnic – 7/28

12. Closing Prayer: Father Georgiou

13. Adjourn: Norm Pomrening – Peter Bell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm;
Val Dranias seconded. Unanimously approved.

Absent: Nick Kirkeles, Andrew Kraulus, Lena Theotikos