

**Dormition Greek Orthodox Church  
Parish Council Minutes 1/31/16**

***Meeting called to order at 11.40***

***Present Board:*** Georgia Maheras, Dave Hunt, Angelike Contis, Nancy Trombley, Sotos Papaseraphim, Eleni Churchill, Jacqueline Maria, Nectar Rorris. ***Also:*** Justin Griffing, Fr. Bob Athas.

**MINUTES** - At next meeting, will approve previous two meetings' minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - N/A

**FR. ANDREAS FOLLOW-UP:** Fr. Andreas MacLean Papayiannis will start at our church on Feb. 1st, arriving this week. We will be ready to plan possible accommodations, due to major bathroom work at empty parish house. He will be paid biweekly; in Arizona priests have 1099's vs. W2 system we just instituted last year. He can be enlisted in Vermont Health Connect in March. Until then, we will cover part of his current Orthodox health coverage. Metropolis of Boston decided on a \$400/month car allowance (not \$200/month proposed).

***Eleni makes a motion that the church offer to cover \$6,000 in moving expenses for Fr. Andreas and his new family from Arizona. Jacqueline seconds it. One opposed (Sotos). The motion passes.***

**INTERNET COMMITTEE:** Council agrees on purchase two domain google addresses for church site and Fr. Andreas of \$5/month.

**HOUSE REPAIR:** Bathroom repair is underway. When priest's family arrives, we can discuss washer/dryer changes options. Possible issues with one door. Will install new locks.

**RAMP** - Lamp posts are in place. Building and Grounds Committee will meet first and then talk to contractor Plageman before any further work is done. Plageman provided detailed invoices requested. Discussion of if entryway floor design possible risk to tiles.

**REDEEMERS** - Georgia spoke to Joseph, head of the group, and confirmed they never had a contract with us. We will present them with contract previously drafted and see if they can work within its terms, including clearly-delineated storage spaces.

**COMPOSTER** - It is finally assembled, thanks to Jacqueline and Michael!

**ZONING** - Neighbor submitted complaints about potential zoning violations with regards to tree removal and commercial use (Majestic) of parking lot. Georgia spoke to Bill Ward at City of Burlington when we requested an extension due to complaint's late arrival.

Georgia will draft a response explaining our barter agreement with Majestic for use of the parking lot and our history with regards to the removal of dead trees.

**OFFICE CLEANING** - On Friday and Saturday the council will clean and paint the church office. Fr. Bob notes that the altar also needs cleaning.

**NEW OFFICERS** - Election results were approved by the Metropolis of Boston, from our recent elections.

**METROPOLITAN VISIT** - Metropolitan Methodios will be visiting the parish on Sunday February 7 for the installation of Fr. Andreas, with a need for some preparations.

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

- Nectar recommends separate key/lock to parish house basement storage area.
- There is also a suggestion to honor the Ducas sisters with a special dedication at the parish house, as well as Philoptochos.

***Eleni makes a motion to adjourn. Jackie seconds it. The meeting adjourns at 12.49.***