

Dormition Greek Orthodox Church
Parish Council Minutes Meeting 03/13/16

Present: Nectar Rorris, Sotos Papaserafchim, Angelike Contis, Georgia Maheras, Nancy Pappas-Trombley, Eleni Churchill, Jacqueline Maria, Justin Griffing.

Meeting called to order 12.20

MINUTES - *Motion to approve minutes of Dec 2015 and February 2016 by Nancy. Justin seconds. Sotos abstains. Passes.*

TREASURER'S REPORTS – New Treasurer Justin prepared Jan. and Feb. Profit & Loss statements. Deficit for both months in checking account because haven't drawn from Ducas fund. Fr. Andreas payment is wrongly categorized as Fr. Ehres. Currently \$18,275.65 in checking. Balances: Money Market/Camp - \$76,885.32; 12 mo. CD - \$606.15 (matures 5/30/2016, need to address this); 24 Mo. CD - \$671.74; Shares - \$1,645.11; Sentinel (Ducas) Account - \$48,862.27.

Some \$13,000 in February was house repairs and expenses related to having a new priest. Plan is to get rid of Merchants bank box, as missing key was never found and it is not used; Justin will call to arrange it on day when others do so, as lower fee.

Justin will look at last year and compare to this, to see where we stand. Bathroom work was \$12,956, without final billing. In future, council will have three estimates for any work.

Motion to approve Treasurer's reports Profit & Loss by Angelike. Nancy seconds. 1 abstention. Passes.

BOOKSTORE: There is a request to approve \$500 for new inventory. Council decides to wait for a brief report on what sold, what didn't and any titles Fr. Andreas recommends.

Motion to transfer \$8,000 from Ducas account into the checking account to cover work on house by Nectar. (Council had authorized \$5,000 in December). Motion seconded by Angelike. Passes unanimously.

Two parish house rooms that weren't painted in past will be painted, possibly by community members.

SALARY CHANGE: Fr. Andreas has requested \$1,000 out of pay each month be considered a housing allowance, for his W2 accounting. ***Eleni makes a motion to approve \$1000 of salary be categorized as Housing Expenses (not salary) for 6 months. Nancy seconds it. Passes.***

PARISH PRIEST MOVING EXPENSES – Father has made a request for greater moving expenses than \$6,000 previously approved. ***Motion is made by Eleni to provide an additional up to \$3,000 to previous \$6,000 for moving expenses approved in January depending on estimates. Nectar seconds. Sotos opposes. Angelike abstains. Passes.***

PRIEST HEALTH INSURANCE— Previously had paid health and dental premiums for Fr. Andreas. Instead of dental, are now putting money into health savings account, and he can get reimbursed for any dental costs from that. Fr. and family are covered on Vermont Health Connect since March 1st. Silver Plan is approximately \$1362 for family.

AUDIT REPORT – ***Motion to move into Executive Session by Justin to review findings. Eleni seconds it. Passes. Motion to get out executive session by Angelike. Nectar seconds. Passes.***

RAMP – Project is on hold, until issues regarding budget for some items are resolved. Need to speak to Rice Lumber and Trowel Trades. Railing needs to be ordered. Drain system work is also being planned.

LOCK CHANGES - Previously approved new locks on parish house. Father has requested new locks on church, after someone from Redeemers walked into church with her own key. ***Motion by Eleni to approve new locks for church in addition to parish house key. Nectar second. Passes.*** We'll get two estimates.

RECYCLE BIN – Father is ordering 95 gallon bin for parish house and community hall curbside use, from City of Burlington.

REDEEMERS – Father and Georgia had a productive meeting with Joseph of Redeemers reviewing draft contract. There will be some changes in contract and also switch to pay per use (\$150/use) rather than monthly flat fee. There was discussion of scheduling changes (more Sunday services on our part) and long-term other options for Redeemers. We need to look at insurance policy for rentals.

CHURCH MAILING LIST - Working on linking emails to updated physical mailing list.

GEN'L ASSEMBLY: Scheduled for April 10th. If no quorum May 15th. Will need Treasurer's Report and ramp update.

TAKEOUT DINNER- Nancy has gotten word out to papers and other media. Angelike will email release to any remaining. Sotos is keeping track of volunteers who are needed. Wed 23rd will be chicken prep at 5pm. We will try offering plates instead of containers during off-peak.

Motion to adjourn by Eleni, Justin seconds. Passes. Meeting ends at 1.45pm.