

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Minutes General Assembly Sunday November 15, 2015

Christina Pullos called the meeting to order at 12:15 Noon. A quorum was determined with 80 Stewards signed in.

Father Andrew led the assembly with an opening prayer.

Christina Pullos was unanimously elected chairperson.

Reading of the Minutes from April General Assembly Meeting

Motion to pass the Minutes:

First: George Kossaras / Second: Rocky Sisson

Motion passed

Fr. Andrews Report:

Father thanked all the ministries and the Building Committee.

Father gave a summary about the growth of Assumption. He suggested that we needed staff to grow the church and spoke about Jacob Saylor, a new hire in the 2016 budget.

Comments:

Thanos Dalianes – Jacob Sailor of Holy Trinity

Words of encouragement that Jacob will be very good for our church

Ann Argyropoulos – Make sure that older people aren't pushed aside

There is more that we can be doing for the older population

Stewardship Report – Phil Noplos

Healthy – Well above 260 stewards with an average of \$1,375 yielding a total pledge amount of \$394K

More people will be needed – 2016 stewardship – Ramping up in advance of the building.

Longtime plan where we can participate in the community for generations

Financial Update – Connie Sisson

Some overruns vs. 2015 budget

Church Housekeeping (Cleaning Kitchens)

Equipment Maintenance

Hospitality (PC taking over for Philoptochos)

Even with overruns we expect Expenses will be at 97% of the budget

Presenting of 2016 Budget:

Income up 10% with normal increases. COME obligation dropped from \$10K to \$5K.

Motion to accept the Budget:

First: Toula New / Second: Christina Craig

Motion passed

Helen Noplos:
Deacon Drew salary vs. Jacob's salary - 80% of youth director

Cost of living increase for Deacon Drew?

Eleni - OCMC Project Mexico – Big Orthodox charities.

Craig Lewandowski – Demonstrate that ministries are important – Are we doing enough.

Spiro Kircos - Budget should be mailed out 30 days in advance of the meeting so people would have it and review

Rocky Sisson – Each individual line items can be exceeded by 5%

Helen Motion: PC can recommend cost of living increase based on total salary stipend for Deacon Drew
Christina Craig: Seconded
Motion passed

Motion for Budget Approval:

First: Joanne Lewandowski / Second: Angelo Pateras
Motion passed

Building Project - Rocky Sisson / Irene Clary

On Sunday December 6th we will hold a special Parish Assembly for the Building of the new Community Center.

Lots of work going on many aspects going over many facets of the church building - \$3.2
Soft costs (\$332K) contingencies, signage, landscape architecture, architect, etc.

173 pledges – 287 stewards

\$2.481M is the total pledged so far with \$500K paid so far

\$3.5M is the total for prospective cost for the building (base shell for occupancy) including contingencies

Will provide every detail that the congregation needs to make an informed decision

Goal is to get shovels in the ground in early spring timeframe

Campaign Status

Need a follow up campaign. Everyone needs to participate at any giving level.

During the Parish Assembly on December 6th – The Assembly can make a motion to do a number of things.

Philoctochos Report - Denise Millstine / Christina Dimtsios

2015 / 2016 Feed the Hungry (monthly activity)

98 members

To sign up and sponsor Sunday Social Hour – Use Sign Up Genius on-line or call Deacon Drew

New volunteers are needed

Correspondence: Facebook twitter

Supporting –

Clergy and local charities (local Good Samaritan fund)

Memorial fund

Approximately \$43,000 has been collected and provided to the following charities

St. Mary's, Mom's Pantry, and Vista Del Camino

Membership Luncheon will be held at the end of January (1/30)

Health and Wellness Program was held and lead by Dr. Sophia Fountis

Love in Action – Visitations to sick people and those in the hospital

Plans to give money for St. Nicholas Shrine in New York – total goal is \$10,000

Agape Ball will be held in January 2016

Crab fest date for 2016 has been set for 2/26

Sunday School Report - Craig Lewandowski

Sunday School is still growing

Please engage your children or grandchildren and encourage them to come every Sunday

Space in the community hall is limited – hence one of the needs for the new community center

Nominations for Election Committee – Nick Eliades, Ann Argyropoulos, and Helen Serelis

Motion to accept nominated members

First: Helen Noplos / Second: Toula New

Motion passed

Nomination for Audit Committee - Christina Craig to head

Motion to accept:

First: Phil Noplos / Second: Michele Genetos

Motion passed

Parish Council Board

Connie Sisson and Pauly Argyros have decided to stay on board while Frieda Speropoulos and Phil Noplos have decided to not seek reelection.

New Parish Council Nominations

Andrea McNamara

Nick Catsoules

Motion to accept new PC nominations

First: Thanos Dalianes / Second: Christina Craig

Motion passed

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

First: Angie Eliades / Second: Toula New

Motion passed at ~ 1:50PM

Meeting adjourned

John Dimtsios, Acting Secretary

Date

Christina Pullos, President

Date

Father Andrew Barakos, Priest

Date