

Parish Council Minutes July 10, 2022

Members Present : Father Joel, Gilliam, Matt Gordon, Alex Ibrahim, Marcia Binder Ibrahim, Ed Donahue, Cynthia Long

Joe Solomon, Kerry San Chirico, Jerry Burke, Tony Nasr

Call to order 12:31 and Opening Prayer

1. Approval of Minutes - June 6 PC meeting – approved by Alex and seconded by Joe

2. Pastor's Report - A. Ministry heads to provide templates and event dates for Liturgical Calendar September 2022-August at meeting August 13 to avoid potential conflicts

Ministry Team leaders are encouraged to be judicious about sending emails and include only those directly involved in the subject or project

B. Leaders are encouraged involved in the subject /project –finding a balance between providing what needs to disseminated and “ too much information “

C. Father Joel – away at camp at Antiochian Village for the next two Sundays in July and will return on July 30. –arrangements made for coverage for liturgy with visiting priests for those Sundays

D. Caitlin Gordon – office manager will be taking a maternity leave of absence October until January – when Caitlin returns she will primarily involved in ministry management, resource development, revenue streaming and grant applications- areas where she has a strong background

-Position opening for office manager to perform tasks of answering e-mails, preparing bulletin preparations and day to day communication-roles that Caitlin has been fulfilling – budget allocated for 15 hours per week –but rarely requires this amount of time

3. Chairman's Report – Alex –Review of Gary Sarkasian' s cost repairs for the physical plant at St George ( see attached )

-most pressing and immediate need is repair/replacement of HVAC – AC system – Joe S examined with specialist in field – 2 units need work -- estimated to be at least 21 K – perhaps 25 K– likely more but not 50 K as originally thought . Filters have been replaced in the 4 units –well maintained by Gary S. – May be able to save money by replacing motors on the HVAC Units at 1 K

-decisions on hold pending decision of whether to pursue and new location for St. George

-plan to reach out to local developers—(attorneys and real estate agents) to gauge potential interest and value of a sale

-Range of repairs and upgrades of physical plant in reviewing Gary's list would be conservatively estimated from 400K to 500 K

-Review of Icon- project – on hold pending decision on moving the church—reiterating the importance of the Long Range Planning Committee—may be reasonable to proceed regardless and plan for mounted Icons on panels that could be moved in the event of Church relocation –plan is to continue to to keep Nick Papas engaged in the Icon project- plan is commission him on 2 Icons

Joe S reviewed demographics of the parish with Caitlin with assistance of his son with available data- ( directory , list of house blessing ) On initial review – appears that central location for parishioners is Upper Darby

Long Term Planning Committee – advise individuals with input to participate – need to codify who are members and dates/times of meeting

-Going forward – Caitlin will be involved in development issues-management of charitable gifts- one time gifts for special projects and bequests and grant writing

4. Treasurers Report –Tony Nasr – please see attached

June fiscals Revenue \$ 11, 043- expenses \$11,843 but YTD positive balance of \$ 8000

5. Hospitality Committee – Ed D –Parish Picnic-planned for Sunday September 11 after service - see attached - Pot luck coffee hour –last Sunday of each month

6. St Katherine Women – Cynthia L – attended Parish Life Conference – no recent meetings – will send report for calendar meeting

7. Maintenance committee—Gary's report reviewed - Ed- advise address problem with hole in the floor – adjacent to drain – needs repair

8. Sunday School – no current director - possibility of making this a “paid position “ advise by Alex –need outline for curriculum for current school

9. Choir – Matt Gordon –announcing resignation as choir director effective September at the beginning of the liturgical new year – PC thanked Matt for his wonderful service during especially difficult times ( COVID Pandemic )- will attend the long term planning committee in August

-Karen Burke will assume position for choir director with major assistance from Anastasia Nicoloudakis- (coordinating Vespers, special services and chanting) Karen and Anastasia both are attending the Sacred Music Institute Session at Antiochian Village this month

-new choir member always welcome

10. Adult Christian Education – Kerry S –planning to set date for Fall retreat-plan to select next book for study after Bible Study Program on Genesis finished in September

11. Teen Soyo –Alex – Barbecue planned by Alex and Kate for Sunday August 7

12. Long Range Planning Committee- Marcia I -asked to email her if interested in joining the committee – open to non parish council meeting – Fr Joel advised to find a balance between a proper number to do the work but not too many to make moving forward with agenda

-Matt asked about “ time line “ for proposal from the committee –

Father Joel advised about taking care about making plans on a “ chronological “ basis along with spiritual needs of the parish and following “ God’s Will “-in other words to proceed with caution when it comes to such important matters

Alex I – first “ jumping off point “ – make a decision about pursuing a moving St George or staying – other decisions will flow more easily from there-

13. New Business – Cynthia L advised messaging the parish community about volunteer opportunities such as Sunday School Director

- communicate developments and needs to the parish at large and not just the PC

-question of filling a roll as a “ youth director “to help with multiple tasks

14. Motion to adjourn at 1:40 – Unanimous consent – Closing Prayer by Father Joel