

Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

November 12, 2017

After Opening Prayer at 12:10 pm, a meeting of the members of the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church parish was called to order by Valentine Lott, Parish Council President.

Election of Chairperson: Before nominations were sought from the General Assembly for a Chairperson for the meeting, Val Lott questioned if the General Assembly had a quorum. Maria Diamantis stated that 62 parishioners signed in and we therefore had a quorum.

Val Lott then proceeded to open nominations for a Chairperson. Maria Diamantis nominated Steven Yates as Chairperson and George Scarveles seconded the nomination; Steven Yates accepted. Since there were no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by George Scarveles, seconded by Maria Diamantis and Steven Yates was elected to be Chairperson of the General Assembly.

The following business of the General Assembly was conducted:

Approval of November 13, 2016 Minutes tabled at the September 24, 2017 General Assembly. Gus Chagares moved to approve the minutes as submitted, and Maria Diamantis seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 24, 2017 Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vago Hadjimichael and seconded by George Scarveles. There was no discussion, and it passed unanimously.

Parish Ministry Update: Father Peter spoke on our parish ministries, including an update on the following:

A new ministry, the $\text{IX}\Theta\text{Y}\Sigma$ Reading Group, had its first meeting and the first book selection is *The Way of a Pilgrim*. There's a morning and an evening session to accommodate all interested.

The Golden Years Ministry is expanding from monthly luncheons to movie days and seeing theatrical presentations; the Sojourners Society continues to take local trips.

The Oratorical Festival continues to grow through its participation under the guidance of Steven Yates.

The Hellenic History Tournament (part of AHEPA) has expanded to different parts of the country and this year we had a team of 3 students participate.

The Athletic Ministry is rebounding, having suffered a bit from not having a home gym.

The Telos Project was created from a \$1.5mm grant that is looking into how parishes in the Orthodox Church can continue to minister to young adults. Our parish was one of many that submitted an application to be part of this innovative program and was chosen

as one of only 14 parishes to participate. There is a committee of 7 young adults in our parish who are currently working on this.

Nomination for PC Candidates: The Parish Council has 5 current members that are seeking re-election for a second 2-year term and there are 6 additional members in the middle of a 2-year term, so at least 3 parishioners are needed to fill the vacant spots on the council. The Nominating Committee, comprised of Peter Maniatis, Steven Yates, Kaliope Emmanouil and Greg Stamos, presented 3 completed Nomination Forms for qualified parishioners who accepted: Mary Constantinidi, Andrew Mays and Paul Faraclas.

Steven asked the General Assembly for any other names to be put forth for nomination and heard none. Father Peter reminded the Assembly that current members on the Council that are running for re-election need to be nominated. They include: Val Lott, Lou Vlahos, Ted Belales, Eleni Yates, and Oly Hadjimichael.

A motion was made by George Scarveles to nominate the current slate of all incumbent PC members running for re-election, and it was seconded by Gus Chagares. Elias Alexiades called for a point of order, to have one vote to include incumbent PC members running for re-election, together with new members. George Scarveles restated his motion to nominate all incumbent PC members running for re-election, together with the new members. There were no more nominations from the floor, Gus Chagares seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Father Peter reminded all Parish Council members in attendance, new and re-elected, that the mandatory Parish Council seminar will be offered at St. Barbara on November 14, 2017 at 6:30 for registration, the meeting at 7pm.

Added to the Agenda was the Nomination of 3 Parishioners to Serve on the Board of Elections. The following parishioners were nominated:

Maria Diamantis was nominated by Kaliope Emmanouil, seconded by Val, and she accepted.

Jane Hadjimichael, was nominated by Val, seconded by Vago; she accepted.

Cindy Anasson, nominated by Maria Diamantis, seconded by George Scarveles; she accepted.

A Motion to Close Nominations was made by Vago, seconded by George Antonellis and it passed unanimously. A Motion to accept the 3 nominees on the Board of Elections passed unanimously.

Odyssey 2017 Report: Gene Esares gave a presentation, starting by acknowledging the fabulous job of the 3 Odyssey Chairmen. Last year, 2016, was an extraordinary year. This year's net income was down by \$60,000, mostly due to a day of rain. In spite of this, the net income this year was more than many other previous festivals, and a reflection of the hard and relentless work of the 3 Chairmen. On the Expense side, there was an increase for Clean Up (labor) costs.

George Scarveles noted an increase of \$25,000 in total expenses over the year. Gene's response was that even before the issue of unpredictable weather, there were additional one-time expenses for various items necessary for the festival (storage container, the purchase of safety cones, golf cart rentals were up significantly, and police overtime for the extra parking help needed on Saturday).

Also discussed was the continued need for more volunteers to help throughout the festival - including before and after the weekend itself.

A Motion to approve the Odyssey report was made by Vago, seconded by Maria Diamantis. The Motion was approved, with one abstention by George Scarveles.

Approval of the 2017 General Fund Budget: Gene Esares began his presentation by thanking the members on the Finance Committee, then overseen by Val Lott and approved by the Parish Council.

On the Income side:

Stewardship is a struggle to reach the 2017 goal and was only increased nominally.

The Facilities revenue stream increased due to increased demand of our hall rentals. Gene mentioned that Helen Wachter was key to the success of the facilities rental: she does a great job advertising, meeting with prospective renters throughout the week, and dealing with the aftermath of the rentals.

Outreach is primarily from repasts, which was decreased to reflect expectations for 2018. Mary Constantinidi asked if the hall rental money goes to the Building Fund, and Gene stated no,

On the Expense side:

Greek school expense is down because there's no parade participation in 2018.

Salaries are up nominally, based on Archdiocese guidelines.

Athletics is up slightly, due to renewed athletic participation.

Gene stated that these estimates are derived by annualizing values. There were no questions. Maria Diamantis made a Motion to approve the budget, seconded by Joy Morris. There was no further discussion and it was approval unanimously.

With no other business to be conducted, the meeting adjourned with Steven Yates leading the Closing Prayer at 1:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Yates

Helene Yates, Parish Council Secretary