

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

November 4, 2018

1. After Opening Prayer at 12:27 pm, a meeting of the members of the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church parish was called to order by Valentine Lott, Parish Council President.

A quorum was confirmed with 67 people in attendance.

2. Election of Chairperson- Val then proceeded to open nominations for a Chairperson. Andrew Mays nominated Steven Yates, Maria Diamantis seconded the nomination, and Steven accepted. Since there were no further nominations, Steven Yates was elected Chairperson of the General Assembly.

Reports were provided to all parishioners prior to or at the meeting

3. TELOS Project Presentation: Saint Barbara TELOS team members: Jeannie Daniel, Dorothy Daniel, Andrianna Papadimitriou, Eleni Koutroumanis, James Maccone and Eleni Milazzo introduced themselves and explained the formation of the TELOS team and the process through which the community of Saint Barbara was chosen to be one of 14 pilot parishes in the United States from all Orthodox jurisdiction. The young adults explained how each one on the team has a specific role in developing data for this research project which identifies how the parish of St. Barbara ministers to its young adults in the 23-29 year age group. Dorothy and Andrianna led the discussion using a power point presentation to give an overview of the project and share some of the group's findings to date. Having earned a grant of \$10,000 for the next year, the group is developing social events into 2019 that align with the natural calendar of the parish, including a Friendsgiving Dinner in November and Mentor Mixer in January. While this is a 5 year project, the Ministry created will continue as St. Barbara Young Adult Ministry (YAM). The presentation was well received by the participants in the General Assembly.

4. The Next Order of Business was the Approval of the July 15, 2018 Minutes – Harry Hajedemos made a motion to approve the minutes and Maria Diamantes seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Odyssey 2018 Report: Gene Esares presented the Odyssey 2018 report which showed an increase in net income of over \$17,000 from 2017. Gene praised the extraordinary work of the chairmen, department heads and volunteers. He once again thanked the Co-Chairs Paul Redding, Mike Wachter, Evans Mountzouris, and Helen Wachter for a great job, working tirelessly and always attentive to the ever-growing challenges and continuing to seek ways to curb expenses. Father Peter added his comments on the dedication of the Chairmen and the humbling sight of all the different age groups working together supporting the Ministry of our Church.

The gathered assembly showed their appreciation through vigorous applause. There were no additional questions or comments from the Assembly. Elias Lolis made a motion to accept the report, and John Loucopoulos seconded. It passed unanimously.

6. Nomination of Candidates for Parish Council:

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Olympia Hadjimichael, Steven Yates, Mary Constantinidi and Gregory Stamos, presented 4 completed Nomination Forms for qualified parishioners who accepted: Maria Diamantis, Cynthia Anasson, Dr. Antonios Panagiotakis and Emanuel Cosmas. The following current Parish Council Members were also nominated for re-election: Andrew Mays, Vasilios Diakogiorgiou, Michael Suffredini and Melissa Papantones.

Those elected will join the 7 other Parish Council members that are in the middle of a 2-year term.

Steven asked the General Assembly for any other names to be put forth for nomination and hearing none, Vago Hajimichael made a motion to close nominations, Chrisanne Burr seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Father Peter reminded the 8 Parish Council Candidates that the mandatory Parish Council seminar will be offered at St. Barbara on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 for registration, seminar at 7pm. There are also other seminars that take place at other churches if one cannot make the November 13th date with a full list available at the Church Office.

7. The Nomination of 3 Parishioners to Serve on the Board of Elections:

The following parishioners were nominated: Val Lott nominated Vago Hajimichael, he accepted; Maria Diamantes nominated Tony Delos, he accepted; Mary Constantinidi nominated Tina Valouras-Berner, she accepted.

Gene Esares motioned to close nominations, Dorothy Daniel seconded, and it passed unanimously.

8. Closing Prayer: With no other business to be conducted, the meeting adjourned with Father Peter leading the prayer at 1:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Yates

Parish Council Secretary