

**ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 29, 1999**

The General Assembly was called to order by President Steven Maminakis at 7:37 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer. There was a quorum, as 45 voting members were present.

1. **Election of a Chairperson** - President Maminakis asked for nominations for a chairperson. Phil Fotiadis nominated Emmanuel Milias. It was 2nd by Jim Bazoukas. Being the only nominee, the motion passed.
2. **Previous Meeting Minutes** - Loukia Bitzas moved to accept the minutes as amended from 6/14/99. It was 2nd by George Kalogeropoulos and motion passed.
3. **Priest's Report** - Fr. Dean addressed the parishioners. He expressed his gratitude for the 25th anniversary dinner in his honor. Fr. Dean wanted to thank Alexandra Economou for her help in preparing the agenda and for the General Assembly. Fr. Dean announced to the General Assembly that Archbishop Demetrios made his first official visit to the Diocese of Boston this past November. Fr. Dean thanked President Steve Maminakis for all the hard work he has put in the past year. Also he thanked the Cathedral's legal counsel Demitrios Moschos and our auditor Chris Fourkas for the great work done this year. Also he thanked George Fotiades for his hard work on the Budget. Fr. Dean also thanked the Choir, the Philoptochos, GOYA, Sunday School, the Nursery School and the Greek School staffs for a great Fall here at the Cathedral. Fr. Dean expressed his special thanks to the Religious Education committee for a great lecture series and the Publication committee for the new Cathedral News. All of these committees are a natural extension of the new spirit here at St. Spyridon. Fr. Dean expressed his thanks to the Ahepa family for their help this past year. Also, Fr. Dean is proud of our continued assistance to the Holy Trinity Nursing Home. Fr. Dean also thanked the Bellos Family and Sotiriou Family for their financial gifts to the Church this year. Also, last but not least, Fr. Dean thanked the Restoration committee for the wonderful job they did in managing the restoration of the church; it will culminate with Metropolitan Methodios on December 12th, who will hold an agiasmo for the Church.
4. **President's Report** - President Maminakis wanted to thank Fr. Dean and Fr. Nick for their support this year. President Maminakis also wanted to thank those in attendance tonight. He also expressed his thanks to the Parish Council Executive Board, the Parish Council, and its many committees for all their hard work this past year.
5. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Phil Fotiadis thanked the Audit Committee, Chris Fourkas, and the Office Staff for the timely production of this year's Financial Report.

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report. He walked the assembly through the Church accounts and the receipts and expenses of the Church. Chris Lekas moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was 2nd by Donald Theoharides. The motion passed.

Treasurer Phil Fotiadis presented the Interim 3-month budget and the fiscal year 2000 budget.

Nick Moudios reminded the General Assembly that the proposed budget was not mailed out to the parishioners before the assembly. This was an oversight by the Parish Council and the office. It will be corrected in the future.

Arthur Lagadinos moved that the General Assembly allow the discussion of the proposed budget. It was 2nd by George Kalogeropoulos. The motion passed.

Phil Fotiadis moved to accept the Interim 3-month budget as proposed. It was 2nd by George Kalogeropoulos. The motion passed.

Arthur Lagadinos moved to accept item 6B from the agenda. It was amended to read that "the 1999 Interim Budget deficit up to \$24,514 be appropriated as needed from the Endowment Fund Interest Income". It was 2nd by Loukia Bitzas as amended. The motion passed.

Jim Bazoukas moved to increase the maintenance line for the fiscal year 2000 budget by \$5,000 for additional air conditioning expense. It was 2nd by George Kalogeropoulos. The motion passed.

Donald Theoharides motioned to increase the Stewardship receipts by \$5,000. It was 2nd by George Kalogeropoulos. The motion passed.

Phil Fotiadis moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2000 budget as amended. It was 2nd by George Kalogeropoulos. The motion passed.

Charlie Fotos moved to accept item 6C from the agenda. It was amended to read that "the Fiscal Year 2000 deficit up to \$57,500 be appropriated as needed from the balance of the Endowment Fund Interest Income (approx. \$9,500) and the Grecian Festival Fund (approx. \$48,000)." It was 2nd by Phil Fotiadis as amended. The motion passed.

6. **Audit Report** - George Fotiades gave thanks to Lisa Ayotte for the timely preparation of the reports. The audit report was presented. It states that the 1998-1999 Treasurer Report fairly reports financial status of the Cathedral.

George Fotiades also presented 5 additional recommendations from the Audit Committee, of which he made a motion to accept each recommendation individually:

1. To transfer \$3,203 from the Grecian Festival account to the Cathedral account to cover the remaining fiscal year 1998-1999 deficit. It was 2nd by Nick Moudios and the motion passed.
2. To transfer \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund interest income to cover the 1998-1999 deficit. It was 2nd by Nick Moudios. The motion passed.
3. To transfer \$4,962 of the Shrewsbury property tax abatement monies from the Cathedral Checking account to the Grecian Festival Account. It was 2nd by Charlie Fotos and the motion passed.
4. Recommend that the Parish Council collect and review the Cathedral's Memorial Funds original founding documents. If documents do not exist rules should be developed for their regulation.
5. Recommend that a special "Deficit Study Committee" be appointed by the General Assembly to study deficits and make recommendations for reductions and/or changes thereof

and report back to the Spring General Assembly with a specific list of recommendations. Our recommendation is for the following individuals: George Fotiades, Arthur Lagadinos, Emmanuel Milias, Nick Moudios, and the Parish Council President. Arthur Lagadinos offered an amendment to allow the Committee to select their own chairperson. The amendment was accepted. The motion was 2nd by Loukia Bitzas. The motion passed.

7. **Stewardship Committee Report** - Donald Theoharides gave a brief Stewardship report; Stewardship achieved 90% of its goal this past year. We were close to meeting our goal. The shortfall was due to a late start by the committee.
8. **House Committee Report** - Charlie Fotos gave the General Assembly a report detailing the Restoration Committee work over the past year. He also stated that the air conditioning should be in place by the end of May.
9. **Office Upgrade Committee Report** - Dino Charalambides presented his report to the General Assembly. It was accepted by the General Assembly with the stipulation that it will be added to the Spring General Assembly's agenda for approval.
10. **Shrewsbury Land Committee Report** - A presentation was made by Donald Theoharides. He presented the Botanist Report. It states that there is a sizable section of wetland present on the property. There is approx. 2 acres of developable land available. The recommendation of the committee is that we put the land up for sale.

Arthur Lagadinos moved to put the sale of the Shrewsbury Land Property on the next General Assembly Agenda. It was 2nd by Dino Charalambides, and the motion passed.

11. **Old Business** - George Stephanou gave a presentation on changing the Parish Council term from 2 years to 3 years. Elections for the next 3 years would be staggered with the provided schedule. The motion for changing the term was 2nd by Charlie Fotos and passed. The suggested schedule will be put off until the spring, 2000 General Assembly.
12. **New Business** - Charlie Fotos moved to accept agenda item 12A, to allow the St. Spyridon Nursery School to sell the old classroom furniture. It was 2nd by Phil Fotiadis. The motion passed.

Election of Election Committee – George Fotiades, Chris Lekas, Nick Moudios, Al Matulaitis, Charlie Fotos and Jim Bazoukas were elected.

Election of the Audit Committee – George Fotiades, Jim Bazoukas, Chris Johns, Jim Paltos, Arthur Mallios, Chris Kyriakis, Nick Moudios, Loukia Bitzas and Al Matulaitis were elected.

Chris Lekas moved that the next General Assembly should address Parish Council candidate's eligibility and Parish member's voting rights. It was 2nd by Dino Charalambides. The motion passed.

In order to provide guidelines to the Election Committee, George Fotiadis moved that the General Assembly reaffirm the existing bylaws requiring individual membership to vote or be a Parish Council member. It was 2nd by Dino Charalambides. The motion passed.

Nick Moudios moved to add an item to the agenda of the Spring General Assembly stating that all future proceeds received from the Worcester Public School system be allocated to the Endowment Fund rather than the Capital Improvement Fund. It was 2nd by Loukia Bitzas. The motion passed.

Ted Fotos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was 2nd by Dino Charalambides and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

Respectfully Submitted,
Konstantin Charalambides
Dino Charalambides
Parish Council Secretary/Acting General Assembly Secretary