

FINAL per General Assembly, 12/02/01

ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2001

The Parish General Assembly began at 11:55 a.m. There were 44 parishioners in attendance. Fr. Dean opened the meeting with a prayer.

Election of Chairperson: Demitrios Moschos was nominated, accepted the nomination, and was elected as Chairperson for the General Assembly.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved.

President's Report: President Paskalis reported an update on the sale of the Shrewsbury property. He noted that we have a challenging future ahead, and that there is a real need for more volunteers. We need to look at more fixed costs in the church; to generate more revenue while controlling costs. Stu discussed the upcoming 50th Anniversary Dinner celebration, and the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. Stu also touched upon the subject of the generally poor attitude in the Orthodox faith due to previous leadership (with the Archbishop); however, the new leadership is positive and dynamic. People should take heed and follow through with church commitments.

At this time, there was a motion made by Al Matulaitis to give Audit Report first; motion was 2nd by Don Theoharides.

Audit Report: Report given by George Fotiades. George also make a motion to adopt and accept the report. Dino Charalambides 2nd the motion, the motion passed, and the report is hereby attached.

Treasurer's Report: Dino Charalambides reviewed and explained the 2000 year-end report. Nick Bazoukas motioned to have the Grecian Festival "taxes paid" line and amount explained by Dino and the Church auditor (Chris Fourkas).

Dino continued with receipts and disbursements. Some noted items that Dino touched upon included:

Visiting Clergy expense - needs additional funds allocated;

Snow Plowing expense - surpassed budget early in the season due to heavy winter - there is a shortage of approximately \$5,000.

Bookstore expense - spent entire allocation, and overspent a little on original budget allocation.

Dino noted that there are instances that we need an appropriation to move monies from one fund to another fund. Dino moved that the General Assembly adopt/move \$118,000 from the Capital Improvement fund to the Air Conditioning fund. George Fotiades 2nd the motion and motion was passed unanimously. Dino made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; it was 2nd by Mike Dionis and the motion passed.

Dino also motioned to move \$20,060 from the Capital Improvement fund to the Grecian Festival fund. Katherine Capsalis 2nd the motion and it passed.

FINAL per General Assembly, 12/02/01

ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2001

Dino moved to rename the Capital Improvement Fund "Local Land Acquisition Fund" - to only purchase land in or around the church property. This fund will be made up of only those monies and interest from the sale of the Shrewsbury Property.

Loukia Bitzas motioned to establish a revolving account for the bookstore, independent of the Cathedral Budget, with a beginning balance of \$2,000. It was discussed that the current budget can be amended for the bookstore to receive additional funds so they can operate through December, 2001. Loukia asked to have more monies budgeted for next year (2002 budget). There was a discussion of whether to amend the current budget or adopt a revolving account for the bookstore; 21 people moved to establish a revolving account for the bookstore, and it passed, along with a motion to seed the new revolving account with a \$2,500 appropriation from the Endowment Fund.

Stu motioned to ask why do we invest the appropriateness of municipal funds instead of corporate funds?

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report

Air Conditioning Report - Given by James Bazoukas

New Business Agenda Motions:

- A. To allocate an additional \$302 from the Capital Improvement fund to complete accounting for the Cathedral Restoration Project. Chris Lekas 2nd the motion and the motion passed.
- B. To request an increase to the snowplowing budget of \$6,500; the Cathedral experienced an extreme winter and has already paid approximately \$5,000 dollars more than the original budget. The increase requested will ensure snow removal in the latter half of the year. Chris Lekas 2nd the motion and the motion passed.
- C. To request an increase to the Visiting Clergy budget of \$1,500; this account was previously funded at the \$3,500 level. It should not have been reduced to \$2,000. Loukia Bitzas 2nd the motion and the motion passed.
- D. To request an increase to the Nursery School budget of \$800; this is to cover the expenditure of equipment purchased in the past. This motion is necessary to comply with the Audit Committee recommendations. Chris Lekas 2nd the motion and the motion passed.
- E. To request an increase to the Religious Lecture budget of \$1,000, per the Religious Lectures Committee. Angie Chatis 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

FINAL per General Assembly, 12/02/01

ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2001

- F. To request an increase to the Religious Bookstore budget of \$500, per the Religious Bookstore Committee. Loukia Bitzas moved to amend Item F. to allow \$2,500 from the Endowment Fund. Angie Chatis 2nd the motion and the motion passed
- G. To allocate up to \$3,000 for a trailer for the annual Greek School Parade Float, and that motioned funds are taken from the Endowment Fund income account. Dino Charalambides 2nd the motion. Antonios Soukalopoulos spoke briefly on the importance of this. Also, Jim Paltos made a motion that the General Assembly requests the Parish Council to appoint a standing committee to hold a one time raffle/activity to reimburse the church Endowment fund for the purpose of the trailer. Chris Lekas 2nd the motion and the motion passed.
- H. To have the General Assembly appoint a Committee to look into the feasibility of upgrading the Cotsidas Auditorium. Jim Paltos 2nd the motion with an addendum that the Parish Council President is to be involved. This motion was not passed.
- I. To have General Assembly appoint a standing Committee of the General Assembly whose primary role will be the development, maintenance, and oversight of the St. Spyridon Cathedral web site. This motion was not passed.

All new budget appropriations from above lettered motions B., C., D., E., are to be offset by an equal increase in deficit spending from the Endowment Fund for a total of \$9,800.00

New Business: Minutes of Parish Council Meetings and General Assembly minutes - to publish names/members in good standing.

Loukia Bitzas made a motion to move that the Parish Council Secretary work with the President to make certain that the minutes agenda from one General Assembly to the next is consistent.

The bookkeeping activities of Office Manager were discussed, along with an update on transferring responsibilities from the outside bookkeeping service. A motion was made to have the Parish Council ask the Office Manager to schedule a date to assume the bookkeeping responsibilities. Al Matulaitis 2nd the motion and it passed.

A motion was made to look into having the Parish Council have a standing committee for long-term capital improvement. 2nd by Angelo Soter and the motion passed.

Mary Labovites motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paraskevi Kelali

Recording Secretary