



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its December, 2024 meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. President Willim G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present. Father George led all present in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November 5, 2024 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report, year to date October 31, 2024, was then presented and reviewed. Treasurer, Tony Panson, went briefly through the report, answering any questions from those present. The October 31, 2024 financials reflect receipts, after specific use donations, in excess of expenses of \$34,261. This includes the net profit from the October, 2024 Fall Cash Raffle of \$15,150. Our current financial situation continues to be stable and on budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence to be presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Lianos reminded all present that the Parish Council election for the five (5) members whose terms are expiring on December 31, 2024 is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th. The Nominating Committee has indicated that only four of the five members with the expiring terms have indicated that they will run for re-election. Despite the committee's efforts, they have been unable, to date, to secure any new candidates to run for the Parish Council to fill the fifth open position. At the present time, unless at least two additional candidates are secured to be placed on the ballot, there will not be the need for the election. Any parishioner of the Parish, in good standing, is urged to consider running for the Parish Council. Please contact Pauline Cook of the Nominating Committee if you are interested or aware of any fellow parishioner who may be interested.
- The Book Club is having their first meeting of the season on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in 707 East. Those attending will enjoy a meal meeting the fasting requirements of the day. The book being read is "The Orthodox Way" by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware. Please contact Pano Papalekas if you are interested in attending and participating in the Book Club.
- The Annunciation Cathedral Christmas Tree decorating is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour. There will be Christmas cookies and carols. Everyone is urged to attend and participate.
- The 2025 Stewardship Cards will be readied and available for next month, January, 2025.

- President Lianos asked for suggestions for a January, 2025 social event, get together for parishioners, outside of Sunday services. Please contact him if you have any ideas or suggestions. The goal of the Parish Council is to have such an event monthly throughout the year.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Jim Boloven of the Building Committee reported that the new dimmer switches for the new chandeliers have been installed and working properly. Additionally, at the time of their installation, the dimmer switches on other lighting in the Church were discovered to be not working properly and will need to be repaired.
- After inspection, the sheet metal of our roof is in need of some repair. Schena Roofing is the lone company that has worked on our roof since original construction and will be handling repairs. They also be looking into the necessary structural work that is needed for the four towers for the potential installation of the domes.
- The need for a permanent maintenance company for both the Church and 707 East was discussed. The cleaning has been done on an as needed basis and the work often times falling on a few hard-working parishioners. A scheduled, consistent cleaning by a professional company should keep all areas of the building clean and acceptable at all times. Several Parish Council members present indicated they would try to secure potential maintenance companies to be interviewed for the work.
- Harry Harris discussed the new alarm system with Guardian Alarm that we have had installed since September, but not used on a consistent basis. At the conclusion of this meeting, Harry to have short tutorial on the use of the alarm and all those with keys to the Cathedral are urged to activate the alarm when they are they are the last to exit the Cathedral and to, of course, disarm the alarm when entering the locked Cathedral.
- It is anticipated that the parking lot entry arms may be installed by the end of December. As previously discussed in earlier additions of this Communique, these arms will not deter you from parking in our lot for Sunday services and any other visits you may have to the Cathedral during the week. The 2025 parking lot lease is anticipated to be executed with Park-Rite, Inc. in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Services on Sunday, November 24, 2024 were well attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

- For the 2025 calendar year, there will be ten (10) different Greek Associations attending services at some time during the year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. with Father George leading a closing prayer.

Please feel free to contact Father George or any Parish Council member for any additional information, questions or concerns you may have.