



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit held its January, 2025 meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with a quorum present. Father George led all present in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the December 3, 2024 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. The Treasurer's reports for the period ended both November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024 were then presented and reviewed. The December 31, 2024 financials were the primary statements reviewed inasmuch as they reflected the Parish's revenue and expenses for the entire calendar year 2024. The December 31, 2024 statement of revenue and expenses reflected almost an identical bottom-line to that of calendar year of 2023, after specific use donations. For 2024, the net excess of revenues over expenses, after specific use donations was \$33,177, and for 2023, it was \$33,464. It should be noted that almost every 2024 revenue source reflected no increase to that of 2023, but nevertheless, the 2024 year was within budget and reflected a positive bottom-line. The financial position of the Cathedral for 2024 remains constant to that of 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence to be presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Will Lianos welcomed the newest member of the Parish Council. Michael Tyler and thanked out-going member, Dr. Gregory Balog, for his service on the Parish Council these past many years.
- The Christmas tree is going to be taken down on Thursday, January 9, 2025. President Lianos thanked everyone who helped in its decoration and those assisting in taking it down.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jim Boloven reported that he is awaiting a quote from Schena Roofing for the installation of the domes. Schena Roofing is very familiar with the structure and hopefully will be able to give us an accurate quote of the cost associated with the towers and the domes to be installed upon them.
- Harry Harris reported on a new camera and entry system. The current system is not working properly and outdated. A new camera entry system installed and monitored through our Guardian Alarm system would cost \$4,100 and add \$25 to our monthly alarm fee. Following discussion, including our ability to afford this expenditure, motion was made and passed to secure this new camera entry system.

- Park-Rite has begun to install the entry gates to the parking lot. These were initially discussed in a previous Communique. The installation of these gates will not change our use of the parking lot when attending Church services or any meetings or appointments you may have at the Church. There will be a parking lot attendant everyday from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, and the back I-375 service drive gate will be closed after 10:00 pm.
- Jamie Spriet, Irene Naida and Bill Lianos met with the only one of four cleaning contractors contacted to quote cleaning the Cathedral on a regular basis. All Inclusive Building Maintenance toured the entire building with them Their quote to clean the Cathedral on a regular monthly basis is \$1,000/month after a \$790.00 charge to deep clean the kitchen. Following discussion and once again, addressing our ability to afford this expense, motion was made and approved to secure the services of All Inclusive to commence cleaning the Cathedral.
- The “Panagia Soumela” Pantian Society of Detroit will be attending the Cathedral on Sunday, January 19, 2025. The Icon of Panagia Soumela of Detroit will be escorted and gifted to the Cathedral on that date.
- The Cathedral will be hosting the Pan-Orthodox group on the Sunday of Orthodoxy on March 9, 2025 with vesper services at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- In conjunction with securing the services of a new cleaning company, it was suggested that an overall clean up and when applicable, the discarding of unused items, of the Cathedral be performed before the cleaning services commence. More details to follow for the date(s) of this clean up to occur, sometime during this month. All parishioners will be invited to participate.
- It was suggested that for any event, activity that the Cathedral will be relying on the assistance and services of the Philoptochos, that they be given ample notice of the activity and the assistance needed. The Philoptochos is always willing to assist, but can not be expected to act on a moment’s notice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.