



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its September, 2024 meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

The meeting commenced with Father George leading all those present in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the August 6, 2024 Parish Council meeting were read and accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report year to date July 31, 2024 was presented and reviewed. Treasurer, Tony Panson, indicated that all Parish invoices to date, September 3, 2024, have been paid. The July 31, 2024 financials reflect receipts, after specific use donations, in excess of expenses of \$16,901.13. Our current financial situation continues to be stable and on budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was none to be presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Olga Mihos will be returning from her vacation on Monday, September 10, 2024 and the Cathedral office will resume its normal hours.
- The members of the Parish Council, in the history of the Cathedral, have never been covered by a Board of Directors' Officers Liability policy. Our new insurance liability carrier brought this to our attention. The Council approved to secure such coverage with annual premium not to exceed \$2,000.00 annually.
- Metropolitan Nicholas' 25th Anniversary Enthronement Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2024. The Cathedral would like to have three tables of parishioners in attendance. There are currently 21 parishioners attending. If you would like to attend, please contact Will Lianos or Olga Mihos in the Cathedral office. The cost of the banquet is \$75.00 pp.
- Scheduling for Sunday School is progressing. Sunday School commences on September 22, 2024.
- The Choir will commence on Sunday, September 8, 2024. The Choir welcomes anyone interested in joining. Please contact Choir Director, Kim Lianos, if you are interested or have any questions.

- Several recent weddings held at the Cathedral have ended with the 707 East banquet hall being left in an unacceptable condition of food, drink and other debris left on the tables and floor. The decision was made to add a \$250.00 refundable security deposit to all future wedding sacrament contracts to be held at the Cathedral. This deposit will be refunded if the Church and 707 East area is left in the same satisfactory condition it was in for the wedding. This new security deposit will also be added to all currently contracted and scheduled weddings.
- During our previous Parish Council meetings, the decision was made to have a monthly Parish activity or affair in addition to our weekly Sunday service and coffee hour. An ice cream social is planned for September 22, 2024 after services. The October 17, 2024 Cash Raffle will serve as our October, 2024 affair. Plans for a November and December activity remain in the planning stages and will be disclosed after being finalized.
- It has been noticed that several parishioners new to the Cathedral have been attending our Sunday services in the last few weeks. Please remember to introduce yourself and welcome them.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Building Committee – Jim Boloven reported that unfortunately no progress has been made in securing an interested and qualified contractor for the towers and dome work. Contractors that he has met with appear enthusiastic and indicate they will be back with a quote, but even after repeated requests, they do not return with a bona fide quote. He will continue to search as the fall approaches, possibly freeing up some potential contractors for this work. We have received a specific donation to cover the necessary rewiring expense for dimmers for the new chandeliers. Jim is awaiting the availability of the electricians to commence this work.
- A leak was recently noticed in the ceiling tiles of the conference room. Bill Lianos to contact Schena Roofing for an inspection.
- Raffle Committee – Tony Panson reported that all Council members and Olga Mihos in the Cathedral office have raffle tickets available for purchase as well as the separate dinner tickets. The raffle date of October 17, 2024 is fast approaching. Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket as well as a dinner ticket. He reminded everyone that the raffle/dinner is the Cathedral's only annual fund raiser and urged everyone to participate to ensure its success.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Father George discussed his upcoming trip to Ioannina to meet with His Eminence Maximus as discussed in last month's Parish Communique. Father George to make an open invitation to His Holiness Patriarch of Constantinople, to visit our Cathedral, during his audience with him during his travel to Ioannina, which is taking him through Constantinople.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall General Assembly meeting to be held Sunday, November 3, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 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.