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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Detroit Parish Council held its November, 2023 meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. President William G. Lianos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

The meeting began with an opening prayer from Father George.

The minutes of the October 1, 2023 Parish Council meeting were read, several corrections were noted as necessary and then the minutes were accepted as corrected.

The Treasurer's report for October 31, 2023 was then reviewed. Several line items included in the year-to-date profit and loss items were discussed. Treasurer Tony Panson pointed out that for the 10 months ending October 31, 2023, the Cathedral's bottom line after excluding year to date specific use donations is in a positive position of approximately \$18,600 (\$15,700 of which is attributable to the 2023 Cash raffle held on October 12, 2023). It is anticipated that the Cathedral's financial position should remain in the black through year end 2023.

President Will Lianos addressed several items:

- Requested a head count of Parish Council members able to assist in making lunches on Saturday, November 11, 2023 to be delivered to the needy of the St. Peter and Paul parish in Detroit on Sunday, November 12, 2023.
- The Greektown Merchants Association has requested a representative of our Parish to attend their monthly meetings. Parish Council member Jamie Spriet will be attending the meetings as our representative.
- Byzantine Christmas Concert sponsored by Focus Hope to be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Specific details are forthcoming. The concert is a project of Focus Hope and the plan is for the Cathedral to be the physical host of the event with a limited amount of additional time or cost associated with the event. Parish Council member Marika Pehlivanidis is a member the Board of Directors of Focus Hope and she will be working with the Cathedral's Choir Director, Kim Lianos, our liaison with Focus Hope for the event.
- Iconographer Laurence Manos was in within the last week to complete the iconography on the back wall of the Church. President Lianos thanked Council members John Cook and Bill Lianos, along with Manoli, our parking lot attendant, for their efforts in securing the lift needed by Laurence to perform his work. Everyone is pleased with Laurence's work and this new iconography.
- President Lianos initiated a discussion of the various items brought up during the November 5, 2023 Fall General Assembly meeting. There was a considerable amount of dialogue of a positive nature of the Parish Council and Father George working together for the benefit of the Cathedral and its parishioners.

Old Business:

- The December 2023 Parish Council meeting will be held Monday evening, December 4, 2023.

Committee Reports:

- Building Committee- Jim Boloven reported that the decorative iron gates to be erected on the east porch (to deter the use of the porch by the homeless as a place to sleep) are on order and forth coming
The search for a qualified contractor to install the tower domes continues. It is an unfortunate situation that the dome manufacturer does not handle their installation. Jim has several additional contractors to interview.
- Cash Raffle Committee- Tony Panson thanked all those for their assistance in selling both raffle and dinner tickets, their assistance in setting up 707 for the event and its clean-up upon conclusion of the event. The raffle continues to be profitable (net profit of \$15,754). This profit is slightly less than that of 2022 when there were 19 more raffle tickets sold. There was also discussion of additional and different prizes for our 2024 raffle and possible changes to the dinner menu. Everyone's comments and suggestions are welcomed by the Cash Raffle Committee.

Finance Committee:

- Assistant Treasurer, Bill Lianos, reported that he has discussed the expiring parking lot lease (12-31-23) with our tenant, Park- Rite. They have represented that due to the uncertain future of the I-375 corridor project and various other issues effecting parking in the immediate area, that they are only in a position to sign a one -year lease extension (calendar year 2024) of our parking lot at the continued rate of \$20,000/per month. The 12-31-23 expiring lease had a three-year term.

The Parish Council understands the situation and acknowledges that over the years that Park-Rite has been an exceptional tenant. It was unanimously agreed that Bill Lianos execute this lease for 2024 at \$20,000 per month.

New Business:

- It was requested that the monthly minutes of the Parish Council meeting be sent to all Parish Council members approximately a week or so prior to the next meeting to allow them to review in a more relaxed manner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Father George concluded with 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.