

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**February 20, 2011**

The parish general Assembly meeting was held February 20, 2011.

A quorum of 18 members of good standing were present. Father Stephan said the opening prayer.

**Roll of Counsel Officers:**

President George Yurchak

Vice President Craig Henderson

Treasurer George Contas

Secretary Laura Vganges (excused)

Under Treasurer & Secretary Karen Kohl

The President, George Yurchak, gave the opening remarks and noted that the minutes from the last general assembly were posted on the bulletin board in the church hall.

**Financial Reports – George Contas**

Reports have been sent out by email and posted on the bulletin board.

See George Contas for questions about any of this.

- 2010 Budget (forecast vs. actual) was presented
- 2010 Greek Night: \$36,257.44 of proceeds
  - MOTION: (Demetri Vlahos, 2<sup>nd</sup>: George Yurchak)
    - to donate some of the proceeds to a local charity
    - APPROVED
  - 2010 Pastry Sale: \$6430.59 of proceeds
  - Remaining items for sale: Koulourakia, combination boxes, diples, baklava

Iconography—all funds have been raised for both phases

- Phase I: complete—except smoothing out bubbles
- Phase II: Fr. Demetri will return mid-March to install icons for Deacon doors and Royal Doors. Last Supper and Bishop's Throne icons will remain after that.

**Church By-Laws:**

- Ratified
- Posted on bulletin board and website, sent out by email

**2011 Greek Night**

- scheduled for October 1, 2011
- IP Casino will make a donation again but has not said how much
- Band and belly dancer have already been reserved

## Church Upgrades

- Electrical: Mike Craig has been consulted for repairs and recommendations.
  - Light fixtures above altar have been replaced
  - A new light fixture is needed at the front church entrance. Sheila will help select one. Need to consider that birds have nested in previous fixture.
  - Lights on the exterior front and back are being considered: motion-sensing or timer
    - \$1358 for motion-sensing lights—labor, supplies, fixtures
    - may consider only lighting the rear of the church once the light at the front entrance is installed
- Grounds Updates:
  - On hold for now. Karen Miniotis will present a plan for landscaping.
  - Karen Miniotis suggests installing rain gutters along south side of church to protect those plants.
- Mosaic on front of church
  - suggested to bring more community attention to the church
  - examples of the Malbis church mosaic were presented
  - Sheila Yurchak is willing to look into design/materials
  - George Parus Lambert volunteered to install the tiles at no charge if this project happens

## New Building:

- George Contas presented loan payments based on \$100,000 or \$150,000 loan for 15 or 30 years at various interest rates between 5% and 7%
- George Mavromihalis noted that Community Bank is advertising a 3.85% rate and that we may not see rates this low again
- Quotes from last year for a 40x80 building are still posted on the bulletin board, but a current quote would probably be higher due the increase in the cost of steel.
- MOTION: (by George Contas, second: Craig Henderson)
  - Table the issue and hold a special community assembly in a month (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month)
  - PASSED: (14)

## Pews:

- George Contas presented a \$2000 quote (by Rodney Bridges) for refurbishing the pews (fixing the bookcases kneelers, brass)
- Previous inquiries to a company in Alabama produced quotes of
  - \$16,000 for new pews
  - \$13,000 for refurbishing our pews (to be done in Alabama)
- Suggestions were made to look into used pews on the internet
- MOTION: (by George Mavromihalis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: George Contas)
  - Have Rodney Bridges proceed with repairs of pews. Also ask Rodney about stabilizing the pews at the splits.
  - PASSED (11)

## Western Oratorical Conference: Mobile, AL, or March 20

- George Yurchak will see if any youth are interested in participating—this is a large time commitment

Stewardship:

- Bernie DeSantis is Stewardship Chair. He and Craig Henderson attended a Stewardship Training session in New Orleans last month.
- Craig Henderson talked about stewardship being our commitment to our salvation and our church home.

Other:

- Demetri Vlahos suggested calling his contact for clearing trees in the back lot. After discussion, it was decided that we would clear the lot ourselves so that we could use the wood for a beach bonfire and a campout bonfire.
- Demetri Vlahos also suggested that people visit the local community center to check out their function room. Photos should be taken for parishioners who cannot visit the community center.

George Yurchak closed the meeting with a prayer at 1:00pm.