

Special General Assembly Meeting
Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
April 18, 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:34 AM
Opening prayer by Father Demetri Costarakis.

Tony Gray nominated Maria Decoulos for Moderator.
Cynthia Cummings second. Maria accepted.
All in favor.

11:36 Maria Decoulos gave an overview of the rules of the General Assembly, polling and voting. Stated the purpose of this meeting is that there are two expenses outside the budget and the Parish Council needs approval of the GA to proceed.

HVAC FUNDING:

Maria gave an overview of the recommendation of the committee to spend up to \$20K from accrual accounts .

Tony Gray made a motion to spend up to \$20K from accruals account to repair the AC. Penelope Tzougros second.

Discussion:

Penelope stated that this is a stop gap, not full repair. Was it discussed to do a full repair?

Father Demetri stated it was included in the paperwork that was sent out to the parish family.

Father stated that this should just be a fix to the AC system, back to the status quo.

Meli Papayannis asked: How will this take care of replacement of air during the pandemic?

Bill Brown stated that it was repaired approximately 15 years ago and should get us through a year.

Lou Saledas stated that this is a repair to the unit just to get us back to status quo. This is the least expensive and most reasonable option, especially in regards to potential changes regarding the 50 year planning committee.

Jim Decoulos stated that it will not improve anything in regards to air exchange. Jim has been using fans, a blower, and open windows to facilitate air exchange, has also added several active filters.

Discussion ended.

Vote on motion: 33 out of 37 in favor. Motion passes.

FUNDING FOR STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

Alex Brown gave an overview of the project and the need for approval for the analysis as well as the need for approval for the work needed. This amount will be in the \$25K range. The Parish Council has recommended to go up to \$7K for the analysis.

Maria Decoulos explained what needs to be done if we use money from the Endowment Fund. Maria also asked if we have money to use in the Accruals account.

Father Demetri stated that from the PC meeting in March, the financial statement listed \$85,812.02 in the Accruals account and \$12,447.39 in the Endowment fund.

Tony Gray made a motion that we spend up to \$7K for analysis from the Accruals account

Penelope Tzougros second.

Discussion:

George Psychojos stated that the sum counted is the sum of accruals for broad range accruals . If we go to the alternate method, does this mean we have to re-roof the entire structure, only about 800 square feet of shingles?

Father Demetri stated that even though he cannot vote, seeing how the Endowment funds presented, these funds have not been touched since he has been the Parish Priest at St. Nicholas. He personally feels it is better to use funds from the Endowment fund.

Jim Decoulos is opposed to repairing only the 800 square feet of roof, he feels that the entire roof should be placed. Also feels that we should be exploring solar panels.

Bill Brown asked, wouldn't solar panels be for the nave roof? It is a lot simpler and. Lower grade of work, a lot less sequencing involved.

Tony Gray asked to amend his motion.

Don Khouri stated he needs a motion to amend.

Bill Brown : Motion to authorize the Parish Council to spend up to \$7K from Endowment fund for the analysis and design plan of the structural columns in the nave. (requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote in order to pass)

Tony Gray second.

Vote: 34 in favor. 4 opposed. $\frac{2}{3}$ vote carries. Motion passes.

50 YEAR PLANNING

Patty D'Orio gave an overview of the committee's beginnings and progress. Your vote matters.

She asked the following:

What is important to each of us as a member of St. Nicholas

Read through the committee resources

Determine your opinion on future family needs of the church.

Attend one of the 50 year planning educational sessions.

Spend 5 minutes completing the survey.

Our options:

Rehab: modify and / or add to existing structure, increase functionality

Rebuild on same property

Relocate

Repair as we go.

Existing issues:

Holy Altar
Handicapped accessibility
Church school meeting space
Nave space
Storage
Structure

Next steps:

Informational sessions: April 18 and May 18
Survey launch: June 6, 2021 at the General Assembly
Survey close: July 6, 2021 hope in for 90% response
Results analysis and finalize recommendations: fall 2021
Recommendations to GA fall 2021

Open discussion :

Penelope Tzougros asked why the parish house is not a part of this discussion.
Jason Kontos responded that first we have to find out what everyone wants to do, everything is on the table.

Penelope asked if the parish house could be used for church school and meeting space? Will the committee offer ideas regarding the house?

Jason Kontos stated that they have to determine what the community wants to do and then go from there.

Cynthia Cummings asked how long the lease is and Maria Decoulos answered it ends in July .

Chris Kokkinos asked if the house could be part of the discussion and plan.

Jason Kontos said they will take that into consideration.

No further discussion.

Don Khouri motioned to adjourn.

Cynthia Cummings second.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 with a closing prayer led by Father Demetri Costarakis.

Respectfully submitted,

Judithanne Gray