

New Church Committee

1 MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

The initial meeting of the Saint Demetrios New Church committee was called to order by George Halkias, Parish Board President, at 6:35 PM at the community center meeting room for the purpose of building a new Saint Demetrios church building on the Atlantic Street property.

In attendance were:

George Halkias, James Economos, George Pahoulis, Kitsa Aivazis, Anna Nikolaidis, Gus Aivazis, Takis Larentzos, Charlie Lambis, Cindy Lambis, Irene Culetsu, Arlene DiCesare, Cynthia Savakis, Frank Manios, Matt Kassos.

George Halkias introduced James Economos, Co-Chairman of the New Church committee who proceeded to present sub-committees and sub-committee chairpersons as follows:

Co-chairpersons for the New Church Committee: James Economos, George Pahoulis

Building subcommittee, chairperson George Halkias

Finance subcommittee, chairpersons John Kondoleon, Spiros Bakeris

Fundraising subcommittee, chairpersons Mike and Kitsa Aivazis, Charlie and Cindy Lambis

Pledge subcommittee, Father Kostas Valantasis

Public Relations subcommittee, Cindy Lambis and Father Kostas Valantasis

After presenting the current list of volunteers for the new church committee, James Economos proceeded to review the history of the efforts to build a new Saint Demetrios Church building. He accepted general comments from the committee members in attendance. Members expressed their thoughts concerning why the special assembly meeting in 2007 failed to proceed with the building of the new edifice. Also discussed was the need to be inclusive of all opinions including those who express negativity towards leaving the High Street location, concern for future costs, and concern for the extensive architectural plans that were presented at the 2007 meeting.

The members were in agreement that it is an asset to future efforts that the parish priest is fully in favor of this project; that regular communication to the general parish membership was essential; that the committee should be conversant with essential information concerning the project; that the original minutes of the project should be retrieved for review; that the original project plans presented by the architect should be reviewed for some adjustment; that the architect should be contacted for current estimated costs of the plans; and that pending assessment of future pledges, financial institutions should be contacted to determine expectations for loans.

Action Items:

- Bring church architectural plans to the following meeting for review by the committee.
- Contact Anthony Payiavlas for the original minutes and bring them to 2/3/15 meeting
- Appoint Cynthia Savakis as committee secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 2/3/15 at 7:30 PM at the community center meeting room.

As no further business was presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Cynthia Savakis