

New Church Committee

1 MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The second meeting of the Saint Demetrios New Church committee was called to order by James Economos, co-chairman, at 7:05 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:

Father and Presvetera Valantasis, George Halkias, James Economos, George Pahoulis, Kitsa and Mike Aivazis, Anna and Dean Nikolaides, Gus Aivazis, Takis Larentzos, Charlie Lambis, Irene Culetsu, Arlene DiCesare, Cynthia Savakis, Frank Manios, Matt Kassos, Dr. George Ploumbis, Marianne Raptis, Dino Alexandrides, Parri Alexandrides, Stephanie Mikouis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

Father Kosta offered comments referencing excerpts from the Book of Haggai which he explained as our commitment to God, His home, and ourselves through spiritual renewal.

James Economos, reviewed the subcommittees and their chairpersons and requested updates. He asked that chairpersons submit lists of their volunteers to Cynthia Savakis for the records:

Building subcommittee, chairperson George Halkias. Members volunteering for this committee are Matt Kassos, Gus Aivazis, Perri Alexandrides, Dr. George Ploumbis. George Halkias completed the action item to contact the design architect. George said that he explained to the architect the need to bring the design into reasonable cost range. Jim Economos commented that it was important to nail down these figures and George Ploumbis agreed that the committee needs to decide what really needs to be cut and still fulfil the community's needs. Taki Larentzos quoted seating capacity of the design as well as standing capacity in the side aisles and in the proposed chapel. Also quoted were YR 2000 costs for the church building, Sunday School building, and a banquet facility for an approximate total of \$8.2M or about 10.9K square feet. Frank Manios concluded that \$5M for the church and Sunday School was doable at today's costs.

Finance subcommittee, chairpersons John Kondoleon, George Bakeris were absent. No report was presented.

Public Relations subcommittee, Cindy Lambis and Father Kostas Valantasis. Charlie Lambis read the letter to the community written by Cindy Lambis to introduce the revival for building a new church and to invite parishioners to join the committee. It was recommended by Father Valantasis to add to the letter that this project has the blessing of Bishop Savas. Also, it was recommended to only list the subcommittees and not the chairpersons and to sign with Father Kostas, George Halkias and Jim Economos names.

George Ploumbis made the suggestion for every person present to bring at least two new members to the next committee meeting. Mike Aivazis recommended that the original powerpoint presentation is again shown to the committee and parishioners. Gus Aivazis recommended that weekly updates are reported in church to the community and on the church website.

Fundraising subcommittee, chairpersons Mike and Kitsa Aivazis, George Ploumbis, co-chairpersons, and Charlie and Cindy Lambis. This subcommittee will not report for the time being.

Pledge subcommittee, Father Kostas Valantasis, Frank Manios. Father Kostas recommended identifying those families that can contribute and meet face to face. It was determined that a building account does exist. Kitsa Aivazis read the recorded motion approval steps including the pledge structure that was set up in 2002 which was set over a three year period. This is in addition to stewardship.

Arlene DiCesare completed the action item to contact Anthony Payiavlas for the original committee meetings. She spoke with Anthony's secretary and is waiting for a response. She will follow up on the call.

George Halkias set the next Building subcommittee meeting for Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00.

The next full committee meeting will take place on Tuesday February 17th at 6:30 PM at the community center meeting room.

Final comments were made. Copies of the architectural plans were distributed for review. As there was no further business Jim Economos made a motion to adjourn. Irene Culetsu seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Action items:

Each person present will bring two new persons to the next meeting.

Subcommittee chairs will submit lists of members of their committees to the secretary.

View power point presentation with the committee.