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Rev. Fr. Panagiotis K. Giannakopoulos
Protopresbyter

May 2, 2018

Dear parishioners,

The Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018 immediately following the Liturgy in the Rev. Spyros Mourikis Community Center. The meeting agenda is on the back of this letter. The financial reports and the 2017 Fall General Assembly minutes are available in the church office to pick up at your convenience or you can request a copy to be mailed.

If we do not have a quorum on May 20, 2018 the General Assembly will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no notice of this meeting and no quorum is necessary.

Each parish member is a vital part of our community. Your participation at the General Assembly gives us an opportunity to communicate and to collectively direct both the spiritual and business aspects of our church. We hope you will attend as we value your input.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Panagiotis K. Giannakopoulos
Protopresbyter

Maria Zombas
President

Chris Kazarian
Secretary

St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Cape Cod

SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 20, 2018

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order:	Maria Zombas
Opening Prayer:	Fr. Peter Giannakopoulos
Election of Moderator:	Maria Zombas
Election of Secretary:	Moderator
Opening Remarks By Priest:	Fr. Peter Giannakopoulos
Opening Remarks by Parish Council President	Maria Zombas
Review & Approval of fall 2017 General Assembly minutes	Moderator
Review of Financials P&L and Balance sheet	Timothy P. Kandianis
Committee Reports:	
1. Building & Grounds	Agnes Chatelain
2. Stewardship	Timothy P. Kandianis
3. Festival	Tony Zombas
4. Golf Tournament	Claire Yannatos
5. Audit	Denis Yannatos
Old Business	
New Business	
1. Church Fee for Funeral	Maria Zombas
2. Perpetual Stewardship	Chris Alex
Open Discussion	
Closing remarks by President of Parish Council	Maria Zombas
Closing Remarks by Parish Priest	Fr. Peter Giannakopoulos
Closing Prayer by Parish Priest	Fr. Peter Giannakopoulos
Motion to Adjourn	Moderator

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CAPE COD

Fall General Assembly
Sunday, November 5, 2017

Opening Prayer by Fr. Peter Giannakoupoulos at 12:25 p.mn.

Election of Moderator:

Tony Zombas nominated Gregory Racheotas. Second by Denis Yannatos. There being no further nominations, Gregory stepped forward as moderator.

President's Opening Remarks:

Tony Zombas briefly discussed the history of our St. George Church, its establishment in 1946, and the vision of the parishioners at the time to purchase the current site of our church. Tony spoke of his concern for the financial stability of our St. George Church. He suggested that the next Parish Council and Finance Committee look into an investment venture, such as income property. Tony believes that it may be difficult to sustain the annual Festival and Golf Tournament in the future.

Minutes

Because the minutes of the May, 2017 General Assembly were only made available today, Gregory asked that those present review the minutes as the meeting continues and approval would be sought later in the meeting.

Gregory also reminded those present that the meeting opened with the required quorum present, but if the attendance dropped below 20, the meeting must be suspended.

Treasurer's Report:

In discussing the proposed budget for 2018, Kenneth Vancisin stated that we have a zero based budget. This year's Golf Tournament showed proceeds of \$42,000 to the Church. Ken said that the good news is that the Archdiocese assessment to our church remains unchanged from 2017. Mr. Athans' generous donation brought the church's cash into better standing.

Marina Atsalis asked about the clergy health expense. Ken stated that the proposed line item for 2018 will likely drop after the next Parish Council meeting.

Motion by George Malliaroudakis to accept the 2018 Budget. Second by Denis Yannatos.
Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Greek School Tuition Discussion:

Tony Zombas presented research on fees from three parishes in our area: Cathedral of Boston, St. Catherine in Braintree, and St. Spyridon in Worcester. (See attached)

Tony is seeking approval from the assembly to increase Greek School tuition fees for stewards in good standing, whose children have in the past been tuition free, as well as for non-stewards. Father Peter

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said that non-stewards have been charged \$250 for the first child, \$200 for the second child, and \$150 for the third child in the family. It is proposed that stewards should offer stewardship that is at least at the level of tuition paid by non-stewards.

Motion by George Malliaroudakis that effective September, 2018, non-steward fees should be increased to \$500 for the first child, \$400 for the second child, and \$300 for the third child. In addition, stewards in good-standing fees should be \$250, \$200, and \$150 respectively for the first, second and third child. Second by Agnes Chatelain. Discussion followed. Concern was expressed on how hardship would be accommodated and Father Peter stated that the family should have a discussion with the priest. It was also suggested that an annual fundraiser be held to support the Greek School. Agnes suggested that perhaps the special use account with scholarship funds could be used. George Malliaroudakis asked that at least 6 months notice be given to parents of Greek school students. The motion passed with 21 in favor, 1 opposed and several abstentions.

Church Fees Discussion:

Tony Zombas told the assembly that the Parish Council has agreed that it is necessary to offset the cost of operating the church for sacraments by charging a fee for stewards and non-stewards. Tony presented a sample of the fees charged by St. Spyridon in Worcester. (See attached)

Tony said that the Parish Council is recommending that for weddings, members in good standing be charged \$250; non-members \$500. For baptisms, members in good standing would be charged \$100; non-members \$200.

Gregory asked for discussion or a motion.

Motion by Sophie Joakim that the Church impose the fees for weddings and baptisms as proposed by the Parish Council. Second by Marina Atsalis and Frances Haidas simultaneously. Discussion followed both in favor and against the motion. Gregory asked if a minimum stewardship pledge is needed. Father Peter stated that he has always asked a minimum pledge of \$500 for weddings and \$200 for baptisms. The motion passed with 23 in favor and 3 opposed.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Agnes Chatelain reported that there are not major issues. The tile floors in the community center, classrooms and hall areas will need repair. The kitchen is going to be professionally cleaned. Agnes thanked Greg Racheotes for all he contributes. Greg stated that it is time to get the floor done and that we must take it seriously due to concerns about asbestos. It will be a disruptive, six figure expense. Greg also said that the road work being done by the State has damaged part of the sprinkler system.

Helen Bitsikas asked about the possibility of installing solar panels on our property. Greg said that it has been investigated in the past. Helen spoke about the benefits of going green.

Stewardship Report:

Pat Trempelas presented the statistics as of 11/1/2017. The stewardship budget for 2017 is \$125,000 with \$123,724 received as of November 1. The average pledge is \$550 with the range of receipts being from \$20 to \$5,000. A total of 232 families/individuals have made stewardship donations.

Old Business: None

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Election of Nominating and Election Committees:

Tony Zombas announced that there are six openings for the 2018 Parish Council.

Frances Haidas spoke to the possibility of decreasing the number of Parish Council members from the current 13. Gregory explained the process of changing the local by-laws and submitting the change to the Metropolis to ask for approval.

Motion by Pat Trempelas that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council by this body to consider an amendment to the local by-laws to decrease the number of Council members from 13 to 9 effective December 2018 elections for the 2019 Council. Second by Stacey Kazarian. Discussion in support of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sophie Joakim and Marina Atsalis volunteered to serve as the *Nominating Committee*.

Nominations from the floor followed:

Tony Zombas nominated Gregory Racheotes who declined.

Stacey Kazarian nominated Kenneth Vancisin who accepted.

Frances Haidas nominated Agnes Chatelain who accepted.

Kenneth Vancisin nominated Timothy Kandianis who was not present.

Agnes Chatelain nominated Pat Trempelas who declined.

Joann Statires, Sophia Menaxopoulos, Fran Demetries and Stacey Kazarian volunteered to serve as the *Election Committee*. Elections will be on December 17.

Open Discussion:

Agnes Chatelain told the assembly that William Bellamy, a Protestant man of faith, has been hired as the music director. He is studying to become familiar with the Liturgy. Agnes told those present that we do need an organist.

Gregory asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May, 2017 General Assembly. Stacey Kazarian asked that it be noted that she was not informed of the Audit Committee meeting.

Motion by Frances Haidas to accept the minutes as corrected. Second by Kenneth Vancisin. All in favor.

It was noted by Pat Trempelas that the Assembly should appoint a 2018 Audit Committee which will report to the spring general assembly. Stacey Kazarian, Denis Yannatos and Frances Haidas volunteered to serve on the committee.

Sophie Joakim asked if a project to raise funds for the new flooring could be put in place as it was for the new roof.

Closing Remarks by the President:

Tony Zombas stated that the church hall should be used more frequently. He believes that if two restrooms were added to the available space immediately adjacent to the hall and if the entrance to the hall were changed, access to the church and office could be locked. Tony would like to see this thought considered by the next parish council.

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Pat Trempelas spoke to Tony Zombas' hard work over the past several years as both Parish Council President and as purchasing agent and delivery receiver for the Festival.

Closing Remarks by Father Peter:

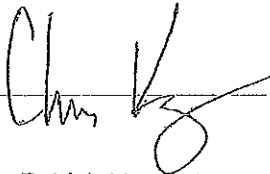
Father thanked everyone for their prayers and support during his operation and recovery. He stated that his retirement is still pending and not definite as of now. The Archdiocese is short of clergy and the Metropolitan is trying to avoid discussing retirements. Father stated that he sees the time is coming to slow down for his own and his family's sake.

Father also added that he thinks Mr. Bellamy is a fine gentleman and will do well.

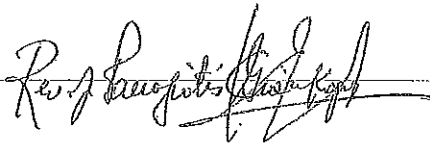
Closing prayer by Father Peter.

Motion to adjourn by George Malliaroudakis at 1:50 p.m. Second by Denis Yannatos. All in favor.

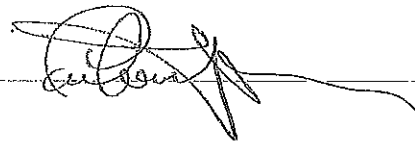
Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Trempelas
Secretary, pro-tem



Rev. Fr. Panagiotis Giannakopoulos
Protopresbyter



Anthony Zombas
President