



St. Mark COC – Troy – Board Meeting Minutes June 4, 2017

ATTENDANCE

- **Present:** Fr. Mina, Maged Essak, Mark Nasr, Magid Athnasios, Nadia Zaki, Ashraf Morcos, Miriam Howard
- **Excused Absences:** Fr. Maximus
- **Unexcused Absences:** None

INTRODUCTION

- Fr. Mina began the meeting with prayer at 12:35pm
- The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as presented.

MINUTES:

1. St. Mark's church was asked to act as a Co-signor for St. Mary and Pope Kyrollos Church in the Eastside on the mortgage amount needed of \$400,000.
 1. Maged researched the options and if we are co-signor likely the mortgage cannot be re-financed for 5 years. Closing will take place in August 2017.
 2. There may be more advantage to the church acting as a Grantor status instead of acting as a co-signor.
 3. We will inquire with the treasurer about the specifics i.e, if there any any church members who are able to loan funds; interest rate etc. Action Item: Fr. Mina will communicate with Tawfik.
2. Parking lot expansion — Architect and Sam met and need to do landscaping plans. The gate will be inserted in the permit drawing.

\$46,920 has been collected thus far towards goal of \$300,000

Fundraising to start soon.
3. A security measure that was proposed by Magid A. to print and sell stickers that can be placed in the front window of a church members' car to easily identify cars that belong to members of the church. This can also be a fundraising effort. Another suggestion was made to consider allowing congregation members to register their license plate (for free) to know which cars belong to the church.. Mark reached out to all the boards tother SE Michigan churches and they all would like to participate in distributing these stickers. An order will be placed for 1500 stickers. . Magid will work on the design and order stickers.
4. Karim investigated the option of opening Wi-Fi in the church for public use. After researching this, there are no security concerns as there is no sensitive information that can be accessed. Streaming services which use the wi-fi would take precedence. the church has a commercial grade router than be configured to give priority to streaming to not interfere with this service. The wi-fi would be open to everyone but would still require a password which would be posted. Advantage of opening wi-fi for everyone's use would be helpful in several services including

Sunday school, trusting and would be helpful for parents who may be waiting for their children to finish activities. Action Item: Karim will confirm with Maged Salama to go forward with this ideas.

5. Diocese fee: After discussing with Holy Cross treasurer, Holy Cross will directly pay diocese fee to the diocese rather than send fee to St. Mark to remit. Action Item: Mark will contact Mark Milad to settle previous payments made by St. Mark on behalf of Holy Cross.

6. Meeting for the board members review and approve the budget and cash flow statements is scheduled by Sunday June 11 after 2nd liturgy.

7. The 2017 Annual General Assembly meeting with the congregation is scheduled for - Sunday, August 13, 2017.

8. Emad confirmed that microphone system upgrade in St. Mark's will be purchased. This suggestion has been made in the previous town hall meetings.

9. The town hall meetings were presented on May 21. Feedback was received from the congregation on several issues including the following:

a. Families that utilize the St. Mark crying room could benefit from having a TV mounted on the wall since it is difficult to see the Liturgy from this room without one. Action Item: Emad Looka will investigate installing a TV in the crying room.

b. There is a need for counseling resources for marital and family issues. A solution was proposed to cultivate a group of marital and family counselors trained in Christian principles to assist families in our church. Fathers will discuss potential volunteers and ideas for this program.

10. Emad Looka is heading initiative to collect old photos and history of the church in Michigan since its inception to create a historical record.

11. A member of the congregation offered to give a presentation regarding information on financial planning to the congregation. Magid meet with them and asked for a written presentation; Date to be determined.

12. Father Mina concluded the meeting with prayer at 2:35pm.

Signatures:

Fathers

Board Members

Secretary