



St. Mark COC – Troy – Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2016

ATTENDANCE

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

INTRODUCTION

- Fr. Maximus began the meeting with prayer at 12:30pm
- The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Saturday Liturgy
 - a. The addition of a permanent Liturgy on Saturday mornings is under review pending review of services provided to other churches in the surrounding areas.
- II. Security Meeting with Troy City Police
 - a. Fr. Maximus and Mr. Naguib Bekheet attended an informational meeting sponsored by Troy Police Department on safety and threats to houses of worship in Troy.
 - b. The Police suggested that the church be proactive and contact police to increase surveillance during busy worship times
 - i. The board agreed for the need to move forward with establishing a security camera system and will consider investigating hiring a monitoring service to ensure the safety of the property.
 - ii. Naguib will work with Emad Looka for proceeding with installation of internal and external cameras.
 - iii. Schedule a security planning meeting with law enforcement including board
 - iv. Naguib will contact Troy Police to schedule a church-wide presentation on preparedness and how to act if there is a security threat.
 - v. The church will contact the Troy police on busy occasions to ask for extra police surveillance of the property.
- III. Refinance update for Kirk Lane houses – 2 of the houses owned on Kirk Lane were appraised for refinance and the values were too low. The bank asked for 2 additional houses to be appraised which was done last week, can increase the collateral to secure the refinance.

- IV. Meeting with the Design Team to launch site planning scheduled for later this month.
 - a. Have an idea of Sunday school requirements
 - b. Miriam & Mark to coordinate meeting planning

- V. Parking lighting issue – Parking lot is too dark at night.
 - a. Coordinate lighting to be working during Friday and Saturday nights

- VI. Other facility issues
 - a. Need to conserve electricity and encourage people aware to turn off lights when not in use.
 - b. Naguib suggested ordering some stop and yield signs to control traffic and slow down drivers exiting the St. Mark parking lot.
 - c. Consider getting rid of tree near exit from St. Mark's.
 - d. Increase handicapped spots by 1 in front of St. Mark next to Priest parking. Action item for Wagdy
 - e. Fr. Max will ask woodworker in St. Mary's church about concerns about humidity.

- VII. Update on potential East side church
 - a. A group has been established to gather names of individuals who support the idea of establishing a church on the east side (names will be gathered from now for next two weeks).
 - b. Signatures will be compiled and sent to Anba Karas for review and approval.
 - c. If approval is received, a pilot church will begin and likely use a rented space until a committed congregation is established.
 - d. Initial services will start with weekly Liturgy and Sunday school.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- IV. The next board meeting will take place on Sunday, March 6, 2016
- V. Fr. Mina concluded the meeting with prayer at 2:30 pm.

Signatures:

Fathers:

Board Members:

Secretary: