



St. Mark COC – Troy – Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2016

ATTENDANCE

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

INTRODUCTION

- Fr. Mina began the meeting with prayer at 12:15pm
- The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as presented.

MINUTES:

- I. Investigation of proposed Gym/ Multipurpose building design
 - a. We met with architect to obtain an idea of cost and design for a proposed multipurpose space
 - b. Proposed design adds up to 12 classrooms (net of 9)
 - c. Increases storage
 - d. Proposed parking plan adds 40 parking spots over what we currently use with overflow parking and includes paving the overflow parking and creating proper drainage system
 - e. The multipurpose building would have the same exterior façade as existing building
 - f. Parking solution will include creation of another entrance to overflow parking lot
 - g. Action Item: mark will coordinate a meeting with architect and contractors to review pricing
 - h. Action Item: Miriam will coordinate a meeting with Sunday school and youth servants to investigate needs for Sunday school and the youth.
- II. Update on Northeast church was presented: a Letter went to Anba Karas with support of 37 families. Waiting for response
- III. Security Update
 - a. Naguib will work with Troy Police to obtain recommendations and information on designing security system.
- IV. Parking solutions – short term and during Holy Week
 - a. Shuttle drivers needed to run shuttles to and from auxiliary parking site once parking spots at St. Mark and St. Mary's are filled.
- V. Hosting Egyptian minister of Immigration
 - a. We will send an invitation to the Egyptian minister of Immigration to visit our community during an upcoming visit to the US.

- VI. Update on establishment of Eastside church
 - a. Current plan is to allow a community to form and schedule weekly activities and monitor attendance to ensure there is a committed group of members who want to move forward. Initially the activities will take place in a rented space.
 - b. There are about 140 signatures of individuals who signed to support the establishment of Eastside church. This letter has been drafted and will be submitted to Bishop Karas shortly.

- VII. Maged made us aware that donation receipts at St. Mary's church have been low over the last several weeks. We encourage congregation members to continue their tithing. Action Item: to put up permanent donation boxes in St. Mary's church.

- VIII. Town Hall meeting
 - a. The next town hall meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22

- IX. Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 12:30pm

Signatures:

Fathers:

Members:

Secretary: