



St. Mark COC – Troy – Board Meeting Minutes June 5, 2016

ATTENDANCE

- **Present:** Fr. Mina, Fr. Maximus, Karim ElFishawy, Maged Essak, Miriam Howard, Ashraf Morcos, Nadia Zaki, Magid Athnasios
- **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.

MINUTES:

- I. A donation and letter of appreciation was presented to the Troy Police Department on May 21, 2016 from the church.
- II. The purchase of a Church from the Catholic Archdiocese to serve the community in the Eastside is being negotiated. An inspection will take place within a week or so and refundable deposit of \$20,000 will be submitted. If the purchase proceeds, the closing would likely take place in August 2016.
- III. The Security committee met in recent weeks and are reviewing quotes for enhanced security system and prioritizing areas to be covered by security surveillance in and around the church buildings.
- IV. The west door of St. Mary's has been secured. Balcony has been secured.
- V. Windows at St. Mark's are in need of repair. Miriam will follow up with Naguib Bekheet.
- VI. Update on construction in St. Mary's Church – the Chandeliers, iconstasis, and woodwork should be done by first week in August. The woodwork will include the information center and bookstore fixtures.
- VII. H.G. Anba Karas is scheduled to make a visit to our church on August 14, Fathers will discuss feasibility of having a celebration for finishing of St. Mary's.
- VIII. Fr. Maximus met with Harold of DesignTeam Architects and contractor for pre-fab building. We are waiting for revised quote for the building. Need to further study storage and make sure that sufficient storage will be created and should we consider an offsite shed.

- IX. St. Joseph needs more room for storage of food for Food Bank. Board will consider reviewing space given to St. Joseph within the Church campus and consider having a rental arrangement.
- X. The Board was asked to review an initiative to create an organization for Coptic Health Professionals to create a group and have service projects among other things. The board agreed that it was a good effort.
- XI. A suggestion was made to let congregation know that home visits are being made by the Fathers' and provide some statistics about how many visits have been requested through the website and how many visits have been made.
- XII. A separate conference call will be held within the next two weeks to review and approve the 2015 financial statements.
- XIII. Donations collected at St. Mary's continue to be low. The Board asked the fathers to continue to remind congregants to donate.
- XIV. The Board will consider recruiting professionals to hold meetings or educational classes to assist families in marital education, financial counseling and family/parenting information. Miriam will reach out to possible experts in this area who can present classes or seminars.
- XV. Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 10 at 12:30pm

Signatures:

Fathers:

Members:

Secretary: