



# ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - JANUARY 10, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM
2. Opening Prayer
3. Quorum / Roll Call

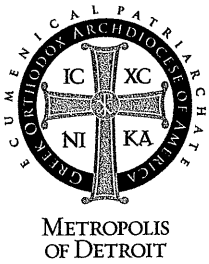
Present: Cathy Yeotis, President John Hountalas, Vice President Debra Chinonis, Treasurer JoAnne Schultze, Co-Treasurer and Secretary Zack Christakis John Costa Susan Kallis Diana Lillar John Panos Tom Stamatis	Absent: Andy Brown       Guests: John and Liz Christopher Lori Photiou
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4. Reading and Ratification of the previous meeting minutes – stand approved as presented
5. **Treasurer's Report –**
  - a. General Checking Account Balance: \$26,226.04
  - b. Iconography Account Balance: \$41,369.37
  - c. Capital Improvement Fund Balance: \$5,944.02
  - d. Mortgage Balance: \$364,194.76

6. **Stewardship Report**

	2017	2016	2015
Active Pledges Rcvd to date	\$109,040.00	\$114,615.00	\$112,243.00
Pledges paid to Date	\$117,966.64	\$112,888.59	\$120,069.06
Balance Due			

2018	
Active Pledges Rcvd to date	\$19,060.00
Pledges paid to Date	\$7,120.00



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Father indicated there are several parishioners who are short on their pledges. Discussion ensued on what constitutes a member in good standing. Everyone agreed minimum stewardship to be a member in good standing is \$500

### **7. Old Business**

- a. Newsletter deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> of the month needs to be adhered to – everyone to try.

### **8. New Business**

- a. Concealed weapon policy by GB Chief Wiles – canceled until February
- b. Blessing of the Buses Update - Jim Christopher presented a proposal for the May 5, 2018 Blessing of the Buses. See Attachment 1 for details. Looking a possibly doing a 3-day event starting Friday evening a Groveland Oaks Park. The Christopher's will provide the food and drink for the event. More Advertising will be done this year to get more involvement. Susan Kallis moved and John Costa supported having the Blessing of the Buses on May 5, 2018 at the church. All in favor. The Christophers left the meeting at this time.
- c. Cathy Yeotis asked why we don't have more Sunday School teachers. Ruth has asked to help out but was told she was not needed. Discussion held and Cathy finished by saying it is important that our young people get enough religious education.
- d. Lori Photiou joined the meeting at this time and presented an updated proposal for a Super Draw fund raiser. See Attachment 2 for details. The date of June 9, 2018 was proposed for the Super Draw. JoAnne Schultze and Diana Lillar will be on a committee with Lori to finalize the details. First order of business is to apply for the raffle license.
- e. Surviving an active shooter training session will be held at Christ the King Church, at Cranbrook from 3-5 pm Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Individuals from St George, Bloomfield will be going and Father is requesting representation from Assumption.

<http://www.cangnews.com/news/BloomfieldHillschurchtohosttrainiingonhowtosurviveanactiveshooter#.WhCiD0ObyQE.gmail>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **9. Education**

- a. Christmas Play well attended and enjoyed. Held following Divine Liturgy Sunday 17 Dec.
- b. Three Christmas Caroling outings completed.
- c. Bible Study resumed as of 8 Jan, 2018

#### **10. Maintenance, Supplies Building and Property upkeep**

- a. John Hountalas asked if we ever got the rebate from Lowes for the Fencing because we paid on September 1, 2017. JoAnne Schultze indicated that she has not seen anything come in.



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- b. John Hountalas said we need to get quotes on Air Takeup Unit in Kitchen.

### **11. Office / General Supplies -**

- a. Father said we out of directories. They are 5 years old. LifeTouch can update the directories. Cathy Y. asked why can't we just do a directory without pictures and have a separate Promotional Booklet. Father to find out cost of new directory with/without pictures.

### **12. Visitation/Public Relations**

- a. Annual Dormition Monastery Pan-Orthodox Fundraiser Dinner - Thursday, 18 Jan 2018. Assumption to host.

### **13. Fund Raising Updates**

- a. Poker Nights – next scheduled for March 2018
- b. Festival of Tables – Susan Kallis to chair – September 29, 2018

### **14. Closing prayer / Adjournment: 8:17 PM**

## Memorandum

To: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
 From: Jim and Liz Christopher ((810) 217-1280)  
 Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
 Subject: Update: Blessing of the Buses - May 5th, 2018

Dear Friends:

Not knowing exactly what questions may be asked of us, I thought I would pen this note in an effort to inform the Council of efforts to date to promote and prepare for the Blessing of the Buses.

### Marketing Efforts

#### Static

- Pine Knob – throughout the spring, summer and fall: minimally, 20 flyers given to interested parties
- Camping – spring, summer and fall: 7 flyers given to interested parties
- Buses by the Beach is a charitable event that typically is attended by over 100 buses. Liz and I have been fixtures at this event for over 7 years: promoted at the event using an easel and poster as well as word of mouth, flyers and stickers

#### Active

- Buses by the Beach: posting on its Facebook page within the next ten days
- Steve's European Automobile Repair: now attaches a copy of the invitation to service invoices in an effort to foster support; it is also posted within the facility in plain view of customers
- The Samba, a website dedicated to primarily period VW's offers free advertising of events: posted on the events tab of the website. BTW, we did list the event on the website last year and received four hits from folks wanting to know more about the event...despite a very short posting duration.... The Samba is an excellent avenue to advertise the event.
- The Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Club: event submitted to the webmaster for posting on its calendar
- Central Ohio Vintage Volkswagen Club: event submitted to the webmaster for posting on its calendar

### Logistics

Food and Beverage at the Church will be provided by the Christopher's using the Church's BBQ – we'll bring fuel, food and soft drinks. In the event of inclement weather, we will use the Church's reception area. Clean-up will be performed by the attendees.

Group Camping Area 1 is reserved at Groveland Oaks County Park. The area comfortably holds thirty campers and has been reserved for both Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th at a discounted rate of \$29.00 per night. Our event will coincide with the second week of operation at the campground – electric and hot water will be operational.

Entertainment has been booked. Minimally a two-person band with the possibility to expand depending upon the number of registered guests

### Possible Schedule

Friday, May 4th -- at Groveland Oaks

- Greetings, set-up

Saturday, May 5th

- 10:30AM -- group drive for those wishing to do so to the Church
- 11:00AM -- blessing
- 11:45AM -- lunch; grilled hotdogs and burgers; chips; soda; water and brownies
- 1:30PM -- clean-up at the Church
- 2:00PM -- return to the campground
- 8:00PM -- music

Sunday, May 6th

- Goodbyes

**Please Mark Your Calendar**  
**Blessing of the Buses -- May 5, 2018**

In keeping with the spirit of "The Blessing of the Bikes" typically reserved for our Hell's Yuppies friends, please join us on May 5, 2018 for The Blessing of the Buses!

The Blessing of the Buses is a spin on the ever popular Blessing of the Bikes. This second annual Blessing of the Buses is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018. It is a rain or shine event and is open to anyone owning any of the four generations of VW buses.

Father Angelo Maggos, a former bus owner, will perform the blessing at 11:00AM at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church located at 2245 East Baldwin Road; Grand Blanc, MI 48439 with lunch at the Church to follow the blessing -- if faced with inclement weather, lunch will be inside the Church Hall.

For those of interested, a group of contiguous campsites will be reserved at Groveland Oaks County Park ((248) 634-9811) located at 14555 Dixie Highway; Holly, MI 48442. The park is an approximate fifteen minute drive and nine miles from the Church. Campsites are classified as modern having both electric and water service; a fire ring is also resident on each site. Additionally, hot showers and full toilet facilities will be open for our group. We will also have access to a pavilion where live music will be provided beginning early evening. BTW, you can camp the evening before the blessing. Make your reservations directly with the campground but please contact me to confirm and review details.

Our vision is a well-intended get together among like-minded folks and to grow the event into a regional kick-off of the VW Bus camping season in Michigan. We encourage you to mark your calendars and please keep in touch with event hosts Jim and/or Liz Christopher: [jtchristopher@comcast.net](mailto:jtchristopher@comcast.net) or (810) 217-1280 - Jim's Mobile.

Stay well and look forward to seeing you May of 2018! And, don't hesitate to spread the word....

**Super Draw Details:**

- \$20 per ticket
- If 500 tickets are not sold, the drawing will convert to a 50/50 raffle
  - If 499 tickets sold then payout=\$4990 and our net=\$4990
- Suggest asking each family to sell 5-10 tickets each.
- Prizes (total payout = \$6800 if 500 tickets sold) (our net=\$3200+)
  - \$3000
  - \$2000
  - \$1000
  - \$500
  - \$300
- Drawing held in conjunction with Dinner and Derby races

**Dinner Details:**

- Dinner ticket sold separately for \$25 per person (Goal=minimum 150 people \$3750)
  - Hors d'oeuvres – simple cheese and crackers, veggie trays, fruit trays
  - Dinner is buffet style with salad, mostacolli, baked chicken, and roasted potatoes
  - Cash Bar

**Derby Race Details:**

- 6-8 horses are created and decorated.
- Each horse is sponsored by a business. (\$100 sponsorship) (\$800)
- There are multiple races scheduled where 2 horses race against each other in each race.
- The winner of each race will then race against each other till there are only 2 horses left. With 8 horses there would be 7 races.
- Betting window is open before each race for people to place bets.
  - Betting tickets for each race will have the horses racing
  - \$5 bet per race (can bet multiple times on same horse)
- Once betting window is closed the odds are announced for payouts.
  - Favorite = the horse with the most tickets sold
  - Outsider = the horse with the least tickets sold
  - Payouts are on the winning horse only!
    - Payout Example:
      - A total of 50 tickets have been sold. (50\*\$5=250)
      - Divide this amount into 2 halves. \$125 goes into the fundraising pot. The other \$125 is divided between the better of the winning horse.
      - If horse 2 wins and 10 bets on that horse then each better would receive \$12.50
- There are 2 dice that are used for the moving of the horses that get rolled to move each horse forward or backwards a specific number of spaces.
- Using the above example, and assuming 50 bets per race there would be a total of \$875 in the fundraising pot at the end.

Potential minimum gross for us for night:  $\$3200 + \$3750 + \$800 + \$875 = \$8625$  +Sales from Cash Bar

**Unknown at this time:**

- License – is the license that is used for our Cash raffle different then what we use for Poker?