

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church 2009 Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES & RESPONSIBILITIES

2009 Committee Members

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Prepare annual budget, monthly operating statements, set accounting controls and procedures of receiving and depositing of funds to the bank, supervise and/or monitor the cash activities of the Annual Festival and other church functions, negotiate insurance contracts.

Stephen Thiros, Chairperson

Peter Kanelos
Bill Navrides
Spero Tzathas
Mike Platis

BUILDING, AESTHETICS & BEAUTIFICATION

Assist the expansion & maintenance committee in color, furniture, fixtures and equipment coordination in order to attain a warm and comfortable feeling of the interior of the church, hall and educational building.

Art Balourdas, Chairperson

BY-LAWS

Search for possible conflicts of the Archdiocese and Parish By-Laws and regulations, propose periodic Parish By-Laws revisions, have general knowledge of the Roberts Rules of Order to act as the Parish Council Parliamentarian.

Christina Frangos, Chairperson

John Kalas
Spero Tzathas

CHOIR

Assist the Choir to attain the optimum performance of the various programs; report to the Parish Council needed financial and moral support

Anthony Kyriakidis, Chairperson
Spero Tzathas

CHURCH PROCEDURES

Consult with the Priest and prepare a written outline with brief explanation of the church activities procedures, provide a copy of the outline to all participants on duty during church services, make sure that the participants understand and follow the outlined duties, review procedures periodically, and consult with Priest for necessary revisions.

Jeff Mamalakis, Chairperson
Evan Arapostathis

COMMUNICATIONS / BULLETIN

Serve as a liaison between the Parish Council and all the church organizations, report complaints and recommendations, promote communications between Parish Council and parishioners by any means you deem appropriate, improve the quality and contents of the parish media (bulletin, newspaper, etc.).

Stephen Thiros, Co-Chairperson
Jeff Mamalakis, Co-Chairperson
Christina Frangos
Spero Tzathas

DIRECTORY

Maintain and update the membership directory noting necessary changes, additions and deletions, take steps to periodically print a new revised directory.

Christina Frangos, Chairperson

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Assist the Board of Elections and Nominating Committee on matters related to the Archdiocese and Parish By-Laws and regulations.

Spero Tzathas, Chairperson
John Kalas

EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Review the short term needs of the Parish, set priorities of the various projects, assist the Foundation on its long-term expansion program.

Art Balourdas, Chairperson
John Kalas
Vlassi Kouris
Stephen Thiros
Peter Kanelos
Spero Tzathas
Mike Platis

STEWARDSHIP / MEMBERSHIP

Stewardship – Explore the feasibility of other optional members contribution programs based on a stewardship concept, analyze the economic impact on the church revenues, set up methods of its implementation. (According to By-Laws there must be at least 4 members)

Membership -- Encourage members to attend all religious and social functions of the Parish, search for new members and encourage their financial support and personal services to the church, cooperate with the Stewardship Committee to secure adequate revenues for a balanced budget.

John Kalas, Co-Chairpersons
Bill Navrides, Co-Chairpersons
Stephen Thiros
Peter Kanelos
Spero Tzathas

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

(This committee was added per the minutes of the General Assembly of January 12, 1999)
The Festival Committee will oversee all aspects of the annual festival. The committee will also be the liaison between the parish Council and the festival chairperson (s) including the chairperson(s) of each booth. At least one member of the committee shall attend the festival meetings and report back to the Parish Council on items that the Parish Council can assist to better the event.

Spero Tzathas, Chairperson
Art Balourdas
Anne Marie Shaw
Julie Karagianides
Mike Platis

GOLF COMMITTEE

To conduct an annual golf tournament as a fundraiser for the benefit of the church, including selection of the golf course, involvement of sponsors and players, organization of auction and games to raise funds, maintenance of a separate church back account as “seed” money, and delivery of the net proceeds to the church.

Spero Tzathas, Chairperson
Christina Frangos
Anne Marie Shaw

GREEK SCHOOL

Maintain and improve the teaching quality of the Greek language, strive for high student enrollment and attendance. Per past years – the Director of the Program will handle giving quarterly reports to the Parish Council & Educational Board.

Vlassi Kouris, Chairperson
Stephen Thiros
Fred Georggin

HALL RENTAL COMMITTEE

To review and edit a Hall Rental Agreement. To establish policies, set standards and monitor the hall Rental. To oversee all aspects of the Hall Rental and management.

Spero Tzathas, Chairperson
Vlassi Kouris
Stephen Thiros
Anthony Kyriakidis

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library/Bookstore Committee's mission is to ensure that the spiritual, educational, and cultural heritage needs of the community are being served. The committee will maintain open communication and cooperation between the Parish Council and Library/Bookstore managers. To achieve this goal the committee will periodically meet with Library/Bookstore managers and then report back to the Parish Council. Specifically, the committee will:

- Informally review the Library/Bookstore's financial condition on a semi-annual basis, and ensure that a year-end financial report is turned in by the end of each January for inclusion in the Parish's annual audit.
- Review the Library/Bookstore's organizational structure as assess its ability to achieve its goals.
- Assist the Library/Bookstore's managers when miscellaneous issues require Parish Council attention.

Fred Georggin, Chairperson
Jeff Mamalakis

MAINTENANCE / SPACE & STORAGE

Maintenance – Provide proper and timely maintenance of the Parish real and personal property, report functional inadequacies to the Parish Council negotiate and request approval of all service contracts. Overview the daily running of the church.

Space & Storage – Review periodically the storage needs of the church, inspect the stored articles, dispose of items having no value and/or functional utility, secure sanitary conditions of all spaces and stored items, secure from Foundation rental agreements for space needed by church and other church related organization.

Safety – (sub-committee)

Mike Platis, Chairperson
Spero Tzathas

PERSONNEL & SALARY REVIEW

Maintain open communications with all persons performing services (employees and non-employees) resolve conflicts resulting from "overlap" in duties and responsibilities or other church related activities, find means to increase the morals to the highest possible level, set written objectives of all clerical and maintenance staff, conduct annual performance appraisals and submit recommendations for salary and benefits adjustments.

Spero Tzathas, Chairperson
Anthony Kyriakidis
Evan Arapostathis
Stephen Thiros
Mike Platis

SCHOLARSHIP

Maintain policies and procedures to promote quality of education by means of our scholarship programs, administer the existing funds, encourage parishioners contributions to the scholarship program, coordinate with the City School Administration for the selection of eligible recipients of the annual Scholarship Grant, appoint the team of judges for the selection and set the time and place to grant the awards.

Fred Georggin, Chairperson

SPECIAL EVENTS

Schedule in January ALL the special events for the year and report to the Parish Council for discussion and/or recommendations, assign sub-committee for each event in ADVANCE, (secure reservations of public places, parks, etc.) and Community Hall on time, prepare and submit to the treasurer immediately after each event an accounting report. Help set up and schedule a MASTER CALENDAR with all church groups/organizations.

Julie Karagianides, Chairperson
Bill Navrides

YOUTH / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Determine and evaluate the needs of the youth, assist in the implementation of the various activities, encourage involvement in all religious, social and business affairs of our community.

Sunday School – Enhance the quality of religious education for our Sunday School by means of working and interacting with the Sunday School personnel, monitor the quality of the teaching materials and procedures, search for quality teaching participation, promote full participation in enrollment and attendance of all children of our parish.

Anthony Kyriakidis, Chairperson
Bill Navrides
Vlassi Kouris
Christina Frangos
Fred Georggin

LEGACY COMMITTEE

(This committee was added per the minutes of the General Assembly of March 23, 2008)

The Legacy Committee plans for, solicits, and manages long-term and large-scale donations to Saint Spyridon. The committee works in conjunction with financial professionals to assist parishioners with estate-planning intended to benefit the church. The Legacy Committee also coordinates the capital campaign to raise funds for the future development of the parish.

Peter Kanelos, Chairperson
Stephen Thiros
Bill Navrides
Spero Tzathas