

**EASTERN FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS
Federation Council Meeting**

**St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Falls Church, VA**

October 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Drucie Papafil at 4:10 pm.

The **Roll Call of Delegates** was read by Secretary Virginia Botsis. 15 Choirs and 11 Board Members were present and eligible to vote. Total voting strength for the meeting was 26. List is attached to the minutes.

District I (MD) – Annapolis, Annunciation Baltimore, Bethesda, Falls Church

District II (VA) – Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond

District III (NJ) – Asbury Park, Holmdel, Piscataway, Trenton, Westfield, Staten Island

District IV (Gtr PHL) – Broomall, Media

Board Members – Kathryn Athanasoulas, Sondra Awad, Katherine Birnbaum, Virginia Botsis, Marie Devino, Katina Doulis, Kay Kehayas, Nick Kyrus, Paul Mavromihalis, Fifi Nichols, Drucie Papafil

The minutes of the 2011 Council Meeting were distributed in the Council packets and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Mavromihalis presented his report pointing out that FY 2013 was an abbreviated year because no Conference took place. The balance in the checking account as of 8/31/13 was \$2,975.25. Motion by Hope Demitry and second by Kathryn Athanasoulas to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Drucie announced a change in the order of the Agenda and the following report was given at this time.

Music Selection/Conductor – 2014 and 2015

Chair Kathryn Athanasoulas presented the recommendations and distributed bios of each nominated conductor and selections from each Liturgy. The music selections were performed by a group of Council Member singers.

For 2014:

Music Choices – Limberakis Liturgy, Desby Liturgy, Workshop Conference (explained by Paul Mavromihalis), and Bogdanos Liturgy.

Results of Roll Call Vote: 1st – Limberakis Liturgy, 2nd – Desby, 3rd – Workshop, 4th – Bogdanos

Conductor Choices – Chris Kypros, Dean Limberakis, Fifi Nichols

Results of Ballot Vote: Dean Limberakis, Conductor

For 2015:

Music Choices – Kypros *Liturgy of Hope*, Limberakis Liturgy

Results of Roll Call Vote: 1st – Kypros Liturgy of Hope, 2nd Limberakis Liturgy

Conductor Choices – Chris Kypros, Dean Limberakis, Christina Polizos

Fifi Nichols moved that **Chris Kypros** be approved by acclamation. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERVISOR REPORTS

President Drucie Papafil noted that all Committee and District reports are included in the Council packets to be read by delegates and would not be given orally. She reported for Susan Karcanes per her request for updated rosters from all Choirs so that the database can be kept current. Email addresses should be included. To date only 10 choir directors have sent rosters to her.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Nick Kyros read Drucie's report, highlighting the Hymnology in Religious Education curriculum developed by the National Forum and the Department of Religious Education; the Metropolis Clergy Laity meeting; the Presidents Meeting with the National Forum Chair Maria Keritsis in April; and the National Forum Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC in July.

OLD BUSINESS

First Mode – Drucie reported that we have had no Editor for the past year. She is looking for a volunteer. Information is currently being disseminated through the EFGOCM website. She plans to start a feature, "What's Happening in Your Parish" with news from individual parishes. Drucie thanked web master Nick Kyros on the work he does to maintain the site and update information.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendments – Administration Chair Kay Kehayas distributed and explained the proposed amendments to the Bylaws on behalf of the committee. (Kathryn Athanasoulas, Hope Demitry and Paul Mavromihalis).

The Amendments concern the following sections:

Article IV Authority, 1. The Council, b. *spells out duties of the Council and e. allows electronic conferencing.*

Article VI Elections, 1. *clarifies length of term*

A motion was made by Kay Kehayas to accept the proposed amendments.
Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. (Attached to minutes)

Elections – Chair Hope Demitry presented the slate of nominees for a one-year term 2013-2014. The next 2-year elections will be in 2014.

President – Drucie Papafil
Vice President – Fifi Nichols
Secretary – Virginia Botsis
Treasurer - Paul Mavromihalis

There were no nominations from the floor. Hope cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Council approved.

District Supervisor elections took place by District. The results were as follows:
District I – Katherine Birnbaum
District II – Katina Doulis
District III – Marie Devino
District IV – Pamela Sande

2014 and 2015 Conference Sites – Drucie asked for volunteers to host the next two Conferences. There was a question as to whether Toms River will offer again. Drucie will talk with them about the responsibilities and requirements. Other suggestions were the Metropolis Cathedral in Tenafly, NJ and Norfolk, VA in 2015 when the Kypros Liturgy is performed. There are no firm requests at present and Drucie asked that people go back to their parishes and discuss the possibility of hosting.

There was no further business. Motion for adjournment by Miriam Kotsonis, second by Helen Beldecos. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Botsis
Secretary

Note: Copies of all reports are attached to original minutes.