

EASTERN FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS
Federation Council Annual Meeting
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Baltimore, MD
October 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Drucie Papafil at 3:40 pm.

Folders containing reports were distributed to all attendees.

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, Baltimore Annunciation, Bethesda, Falls Church

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

District III (NJ) - Asbury Park, Cherry Hill, Holmdel, Piscataway, Trenton, Westfield

District IV (PHL) - Broomall, Media

The **minutes** of the 2010 Council Meeting were distributed in the Council packets. Motion by Sondra Awad and second by Loretta Kirk to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Mavromihalis presented his report. Total funds in operating account on 9/30/11 were \$8,475.49. Discussion followed. Paul explained that the profit from last year's Conference raised the bottom line considerably. Motion by Marie Devino and second by Renee Root to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (full reports included in folders)

Scholarship – Drucie Papafil reported for Chair Maria Keritsis that 3 Gallos Scholarships and 1 Mitchum Scholarship will be awarded this year. Balance in the Scholarship Fund on 9/30/11 was \$27,141.91. (35% fixed income, 62% equities, 3% cash)

Communications – Chair Nick Kyros reviewed that the First Mode would no longer be printed and mailed to the general membership. It will be posted on the EFGOCM website. Gift magnets were distributed to facilitate access to the website for news and information. Nick also reminded directors to send rosters with choir members' email addresses to Susan Karcanes who will update the database.

Youth Initiatives – Chair Sondra Awad reported on the Youth Survey results. Copy attached. She asked for dialogue from directors on how to assist youth programs.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERVISORS – Reports in folders

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Drucie Papafil read her report, highlighting the Presidents Council Meeting held in March 2011 in Indianapolis and the National Forum Annual Meeting held in July in St. Louis.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion ensued on the low participation of Churches in the Federation. Of the 53 Churches in the Metropolis, only 16 are represented at the Conference and only 26 are members.

Suggestions were made for an outreach effort:

- Establish communication through District Supervisor
- Get support of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos
- Point out the advantages of membership

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendments– Administration Chair Kay Kehayas presented two amendments to the Bylaws (attached to the minutes):

1. President's Compensation – Article IV, 2, g: to include meal allowance with the President's travel expenses. Motion by Marie Devino. Second by Adam Birnbaum. Discussion. Motion passed.
2. Creation of the Psaltiki Committee
Article VIII, Standing Committees
Motion by Sondra Awad. Second by Loretta Kirk. Discussion. It was explained that under the Objectives of the EFGOCM bylaws we include chanters. Whoever is appointed chair will identify their needs and activities. Motion passed.

Music Selection and Conductor for 2013 – Kathryn Athanasoulas reported on the committee's recommendations:

1. Liturgy
 - a. Chris Zervos Liturgy
 - b. Theodore Bogdanos Liturgy (the 2012 Liturgy)
 - c. Samplings of various selections to be sung on Friday and Saturday, with the Sunday Liturgy to be chosen by the director or the host Church.

Voting results of written ballot: 1st Choice – Bogdanos; 2nd Choice – Various; 3rd Choice – Zervos

2. Conductor
 - a. Chris Kypros
 - b. Renee Root
 - c. Paul Mavromihalis

Bios of each were read.

Voting results of written ballot: Paul Mavromihalis will conduct in 2013.

Redistricting of Districts III and IV - Drucie presented the recommendation of the Board to expand District IV, Philadelphia, to include the Churches in southern NJ currently in District III. It would be renamed the Greater Philadelphia District to encompass the Philadelphia area, Delaware and southern New Jersey and expand from the current 8 churches to 13. Motion by Sondra Awad and second by Hope Demitry. Discussion. Rationale is that closer proximity to Philadelphia would

provide more opportunities to attend meetings and workshops and conform to the Churches in the Metropolis Districts. Motion passed unanimously.

Host Parishes for Conferences – Drucie reported that Saint Barbara Church in Tom’s River, NJ has offered to host the 2012 Conference. Adam Birnbaum offered St. Katherine Church in Falls Church, VA for the 2013 Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Botsis
Secretary