

**Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians
Federation Council Annual Meeting**

**Ss. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
Newport News, VA**

Friday, October 15, 2010

Meeting was call to order by President Kathryn Athanasoulas at 3:56 pm.

The opening prayer was given by Father Nicholas Bacalis

The role call of delegate choirs was called. Churches in attendance were 15 as follows:

- District I (MD) – Ss. Constantine & Helen, Annapolis; Annunciation Cathedral, Baltimore; St. George, Baltimore; St. Katherine, Falls Church
- District II (VA) – Ss. Constantine & Helen, Newport News; Annunciation, Norfolk; Ss. Constantine & Helen, Richmond
- District III (NJ) – St. George, Asbury Park/Ocean NJ; Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Holmdel; St. George, Piscataway/New Brunswick; St. George, Trenton; Holy Trinity, Westfield; Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas, Staten Island, NY
- District IV (PHL) – St. Luke, Broomall; St. George, Media

President Kathryn asked the membership to read the 2009 minutes from the previous Council meeting. Marie Devino moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Miriam Kotsonis. Minutes were accepted.

The financial report and 2-year Proposed Budget was present by Paul Mavromihalis. Questions and discuss on parts of the budget ensued by the membership. Because the 1st Mode is such an expensive endeavor the following explanation was given by Maria Keritsis.

The 1st Mode will be distributed by e-mail and can also be found on the EFGOCM website. When updating and sending your roster to Susan Karcanes we are asking for e-mails to be included. Those not having e-mail will receive their 1st mode copy via their priest or choir director. We are asking choir directors to make hard copies for those not having computers. Hard copies will only be sent to the parish priest and the choir director every time the 1st Mode is distributed. **The new procedures for the 1st Mode will be also explained in the next issue of the 1st Mode and will be sent in the normal way as a hard copy.**

Maria Keritsis moved to accept the adoption of the budget seconded by Fifi Nichols. (passed)

Nick Kyrus presented the two liturgy selections for the 2012 Conference:

1. The Divine Liturgy of St. John by Theodore Bogdanos
2. The Divine Liturgy of the Greek Orthodox Church by Steven Cardiasmenos

Music selected for the 2012 Conference is Bogdanos

Nick also presented the names of four choir directors with bios of the two directors that were not known to the body. The names presented were:

1. Evie Simon
2. Joanne Kambouris
3. Nick Kyrus
4. Renee Root

Conductor for the 2012 Conference will be Evie Simon

Bids were opened for the 2012 Conference – no church as of October 15, 2010.

Next year's conference will be October 6-11, 2011 at the Annunciation Cathedral in Baltimore. The liturgy will be Steven Cardiasmenos and the conductor will be Nick Kyrus.

Election of Officers: Chairman Hope Demitry

Hope Demitry thanked the body for allowing her to serve these past 18 years as an officer of the Federation. She was stepping down and felt that the board needed to have new faces as their elected officers. Hope then presented the slate of officers and opened the floor for other nominations. The officers elected are: Drucie Papafil, President; Fotini (Fifi) Nichols, Vice President; Virginia (Ginny) Botsis, Secretary; and Paul Mavromihalis, Treasurer. The Districts caucused and selected their supervisors. They are District I (MD) – Adam Birnbaum, District II (VA) – Renee Root; District III (NJ) – Marie Devino; District IV (PHL) – Pamela Sande.

Kathryn asked the membership not to forget to read the reports of the District Supervisors.

Nick gave his report for the Awards that will be presented at this conference:

- Four people will receive the 10 year award
- Ten people will receive the 25 year award
- Six people will receive the 50 year award

Miriam Kotsonis thanked Kathryn for her years as president.

Ann Sophocles moved to adjourn this years Council Meeting seconded by Fifi Nichols.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Demitry

E. Hope Demitry (VP)
Acting Secretary