

**2018 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BIENNIAL CONVENTION**  
**Boston Marriott Copley Place**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**



**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by Presiding Officer, Barbara Pasalis, at 11:10 A.M. on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Opening Prayer was offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela.

**Credentials Committee Report**

Committee Chair, Cindy Demeris, presented the Credentials Committee report, as follows:  
Registered Delegates: 360  
Delegates Checked-in at Registration: 355  
Delegates in Attendance: 282

**Check Presentation**

National President, Maria Logus, Esq., presented donation checks to the following organizations and National Philoptochos ministries:

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| Recipient: IOCC Fund for support of Podoconiosis           | Amount: \$40,000 |
| Accepted By: Dean Triantafilou, Executive Director and CEO | Fund: IOCC Fund  |

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| Recipient: Support A Mission Priest                       | Amount: \$36,000 |
| Accepted By: Father Martin Ritsi, Executive Director OCMC | Fund: SAMP       |

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| Recipient: Orthodox Christian Mission Center for<br>"Vulnerable Youth Initiative" in Nairobi, Kenya | Amount: \$32,100 |
| Accepted By: Father Martin Ritsi, Executive Director OCMC   | Fund: OCMC       |

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| Recipient: Orthodox Christian Fellowship Summer<br>Leadership Institute | Amount: \$31,200 |
| Accepted By: Jim Gianakis, Chairman of the Board                        | Fund: OCF        |

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| <p>Recipient: Archdiocesan Presbyters Council/National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Benevolent Fund<br/> Accepted By: Presbyteres Pauline Pavlakos, President of the National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Fund</p> | <p>Amount: \$30,000<br/> Fund: APC/NSP Benevolent</p>  |
| <p>Recipient: Retired Clergy and Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund<br/> Accepted By: Fr. Chrysostom</p>   | <p>Amount: \$10,000<br/> Fund: Retired Clergy Fund</p> |
| <p>Recipient: Saint Photios Shrine<br/> Accepted By: Evan Scurtis and Joanne Stavrakas</p>  | <p>Amount: \$20,000<br/> Fund: St. Photios Shrine</p>  |
| <p>Recipient: Saint Basil Academy (For tutoring services)<br/> Accepted By: V. Rev. Fr. Constantine Moralis</p>   | <p>Amount: \$17,950<br/> Fund: Zoe Cavalaris Fund</p>  |
| <p>Recipient: Bone Marrow Foundation, New York<br/> Accepted By: Jennifer Constantin</p>  | <p>Amount: \$5,000<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>             |
| <p>Recipient: La Clinica Del Pueblo, Washington, DC for their Refugio Youth Program<br/> Accepted by: Jennifer Constantin</p>   | <p>Amount: \$5,000<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>             |
| <p>Recipient: Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Social Work Emergency Fund<br/> by: Eleni Constantinides</p>  | <p>Amount: \$15,000 Accepted<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>   |
| <p>Recipient: Foundation for Morristown Medical Center - For Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Goryeb Children’s Hospital<br/> Accepted by: Eleni Constantinides</p>   | <p>Amount: \$10,000<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>            |
| <p>Recipient: Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation, Bel Air, MD “Hold Them Close Program”.<br/> Accepted by: Eleni Constantinides</p>   | <p>Amount: \$12,500<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>            |
| <p>Recipient: Gilchrist Kids Pediatric Hospice Program<br/> Accepted by: Eleni Constantinides</p>   | <p>Amount: \$10,000<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>            |
| <p>Recipient: Progeria Research Foundation<br/> Accepted by: Meryl Fink, President and Executive Director</p>   | <p>Amount: \$10,418<br/> Fund: 2017 CMF</p>            |
| <p>Recipient: STEPS PTO, Parma, OH- for Educational Greenhouse<br/> Accepted by: Crystal Thomas</p>   | <p>Amount: \$3,000<br/> Fund: Autism Fund</p>          |
| <p>Recipient: Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center</p>   |  |

Wheeling, IL, for a Nurse Call System  
Accepted by: Pam Argyris  
Fund

Amount: \$15,000  
Fund: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders

Recipient: Saint Elias the Prophet GOC in Dubuque, IA  
For window damage during severe weather Emergency  
Accepted by: Pam Argyris

Amount: \$3,500  
Fund: Emergency Fund

In addition to the above donations, \$35,000 was donated on Monday, July 2, 2018 to the THRIVE Clinic for Human Trafficking Survivors, Miami, FL from the General Medical Fund.

This brings the total donated at the Convention thus far to \$341, 668.

**Minutes of Monday, July 2, 2018 and Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

The minutes of Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3, 2018, were presented by Convention Secretaries Marty Driscoll and Valine Georgeson, who moved their adoption. The minutes were adopted with corrections.

**Resolutions Committee Report**

Barbara Pasalis motioned that the Resolutions Committee report be presented on Thursday, July 5, 2018 due to time constraints in today's agenda. The motion was adopted.

**2018 Chapter Challenge – Metropolis of Detroit**


St. Nicholas Philoptochos Chapter, Ann Arbor, MI, presented their Chapter Challenge.

The Chapter worked with the Creating Brighter Futures School to raise funds for playground equipment. They did this in honor of a 10-year old boy in their parish, named CJ, who has autism. They initiated a Women's Expo Project, held various activities and received a donation from a parishioner in order to donate \$38,909 towards the playground. Their goal is to continue their partnership with the school and plant trees and flowers once they break ground.

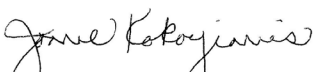
Barabara Pasalis informed the delegates that the Doxology Service was starting in the Clergy Laity room. She also reminded the delegates to return to the Philoptochos meeting room following the afternoon Interactive Discussion Sessions for the Celebration of America.

His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned 11:59 A.M.

  
Philippa Condakes  
Secretary

July 4, 2018  
Date

  
Joanne Kakoyiannis  
Secretary

July 4, 2018  
Date