

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



MINUTES
Monday, July 2, 2018

The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by Presiding Officer Barbara Pasalis at 5:27 P.M. at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Opening Prayer and Spiritual Reflection were offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, based on First Corinthians 13: 1-8 on the importance of love as demonstrated by the life of Christ.

Credentials Committee Report

Cindy Demeris, Credentials Chair, presented the Credentials Committee report as follows:

Registered Delegates: 359

Delegates in Attendance: 350

Delegates Scanned: 336

The credentials report was adopted.

Minutes of Sunday, July 1, 2018

The minutes of July 1, 2018 were presented by Convention Secretary Joanne Kakoyiannis who moved for their adoption.

Amendments to the minutes are as follows:

Pg. 1 - correction of spelling to Elder Metropolitan Apostolos of Derkoi

Pg. 1 - correction to title His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela

Pg. 1 - spelling correction to engolpion

Pg. 1 - priesthood should read episcopacy

Pg. 2 - spelling correction opioid

Following the corrections as stated, the Minutes were adopted.

Public Relations/Educational Initiatives Program

Co-Chairs Barbara Pasalis and Valine Georgeson discussed “Philoptochos-ing” and the importance of spreading the good works of Philoptochos. They discussed various communication platforms and educational initiatives.

Introduction of Development & Information Officer

President Maria Logus introduced Amy Kalogeropoulos who was hired as the new National Philoptochos Development & Information Officer.

Amy addressed the delegates and expressed her appreciation and excitement about beginning this new position.

Presentation of Education Initiatives:

- Barbara Pasalis led a website tour of *Stop Bullying in Your Community*
- Thea Martin gave the presentation of *Be Safe, Be Smart - Using Technology Safely*

The Meeting recessed for a working dinner at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

2018 Chapter Challenges

- Metropolis of Boston, St. George, Springfield, MA – “Phil-Up the House”
The chapter detailed the work they do at Gray House Social Service Agency in S Springfield, MA.
- Direct Archdiocesan District, St. Paraskevi Philoptochos, Greenlawn, NY- “Making a Difference in the Lives of Veterans.”
This chapter’s project supported the needs of veterans and their families by sponsoring a “Home Sweet Home” shower, a secret soldier Santa, and a summer concert.

Treasurer’s Report (see document attached)

Treasurer Martha Stefanidakis

The auditor from the firm Schall and Ashenfarb, LLC, joined the meeting via a Zoom videoconference and reported that there are no problems with our operational procedures, and that the organization is in a strong financial position.

The 2019-2020 Budget, as discussed on July 1, was presented. Treasurer Martha Stefanidakis moved for the adoption of the budget, and the 2019-2020 budget was adopted.

2018 Grant Recipient: University of Miami School of Medicine, THRIVE Clinic for Human Trafficking Survivors

JoNell Efantis-Potter, PhD., Program Director, THRIVE Clinic, Miami, FL

Evan Scurtis introduced Dr.Efantis-Potter, the director of THRIVE, which is a model of health care for human trafficking survivors. After her inspiring presentation, President Maria Logus presented THRIVE with a grant for \$35,000.

Providing Vulnerable Children with World Class Medical Care, 2012 Program Grant recipient: Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Children’s at Hughes-Spalding

Ifigenia Mougianis, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow in Primary Care, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, discussed the influence of grant funding on her career trajectory. Her receipt of a Philoptochos CMF grant while at CHOA led to her work at Harvard Medical School, working in a program to support a program to transition adolescent sickle cell patients to adult health care.

2018 Chapter Challenges

- Metropolis of Denver, St. George, Albuquerque, NM
The chapter worked with St. Bonaventure Mission, at the Navajo Nation, to provide a better quality of life for this underserved and underprivileged population.
- Metropolis of Atlanta, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, FL

The chapter worked with the GRO Group, a group of mentally challenged adults, who grow plants and sell them to the greater community. The chapter raised enough funds to build a new 12'x24' greenhouse to provide them with more green space to expand their efforts.

Credentials Committee Update

Cindy Demeris, Credentials Chair, presented the updated credentials:

Registered Delegates: 350

Delegates in Attendance: 349

The Chair presented the Delegate Update.

A Closing Prayer was offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, who also offered special prayers for National Philoptochos Director Helen Lavorata.

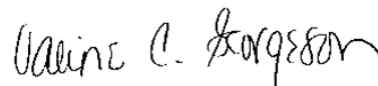
The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was adjourned by Presiding Officer Barbara Pasis at 9:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha Driscoll
Co-Secretary

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Valine Georgeson
Co-Secretary

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