

## Meeting summary – February 12, 2026

### Quick recap

The Men's Club meeting focused on organizational updates and planning future activities. The members present at the meeting were John Dussi, Zach Lemnios, Fr. Costin, Arthur Housianitis, John Housianitis, Bruce Beck, Joey Dussi, Jim Georgeopolis and Kevin Connor.

The group discussed financial matters, including a current account balance of \$3,558.39 and the need for annual membership donations. They explored options for social events, including a potential Red Sox game and a retreat at the Metropolis of Boston Camp. The club also planned to show the movie "Man of God" as a Lenten activity on March 14th, with pizzas provided by John and Joey. Father Costin agreed to make inquiries about retreat dates at the Metropolis of Boston Camp, and Kevin was tasked with contacting Elias about securing tickets for the Red Sox vs Rangers baseball game on June 13th at 4pm. The conversation ended with a unanimous vote to donate \$200 to the church in memory of Louis Andriotakis.

### Next steps

- John: Send email to Evie requesting creation of a Men's Club donation page on the church website.
- Angela: Investigate and coordinate setting up Men's Club donations via the "cube" (Square) payment system.
- Annunciation (Father): Call the camp/retreat center to inquire about available dates for a Men's Club retreat, and report back to the group via email.
- Kevin: Contact Elias to inquire about Red Sox tickets for the Men's Club group, focusing on the Rangers game on June 13th, and report back to the group.
- Bruce and/or Eric: Prepare a small write-up about the homeless shelter ministry experience for the church beacon and/or website.
- Annunciation (Father) and George: Coordinate setup of projector and screen for the "Man of God" movie night at the church.
- Annunciation (Father) and Bruce: Organize and facilitate the "Man of God" movie night on March 14th, including discussion/reflection session; Father to ensure projector/screen availability.
- John: Arrange for pizza delivery for the March 14th movie night.
- John: Authorize and arrange for a \$200 donation in memory of Louis Andreitakis to the church.
- John: Send out minutes of the meeting to all participants.
- Annunciation (Father): Get with John to ensure all event dates are on the group calendar.

### Summary

#### Church Meeting Technical Setup Discussion

The meeting began at approximately 6:30pm with participants joining via Zoom as well in person. John expressed gratitude to Kevin for attending despite personal commitments. The meeting was set to start

with a roll call, but participants were given a few more minutes to join. The group confirmed that the church link should not have a time limit, allowing for a full meeting.

### **Men's Club Leadership Recruitment Update**

The Men's Club meeting opened with a prayer and a moment of silence to honor Louis Andriotakis, a founding member and pillar of the church who recently passed away. John, the president, announced that while they had filled some leadership positions, they were still seeking a treasurer and secretary for the organization. Arthur, who has been serving as treasurer for various groups, provided a financial update, and John emphasized that the treasurer position for the men's club would be minimal in terms of workload. He encouraged anyone interested in the treasurer role or knowing someone suitable to step forward.

### **Men's Club Financial and Donations**

The Men's Club reported a current account balance of \$3,558.39, down from \$5,090.90, with only one \$25 dues payment received since their last meeting. The club successfully sponsored a \$500 Christmas meal for St. Basil's Kitchen, which was well-received by patrons. John and Zach discussed the need to create a donation page for the Men's Club on the church website, with John planning to email Evie about this task. The club also briefly mentioned a scholarship fund but did not make decisions on this item.

### **Membership Donation Portal Setup**

The group discussed setting up donation options for their organization, agreeing to create a website portal and use the Cube payment system to make it easier for members to contribute. They decided to call the annual contribution a "membership donation" rather than "dues," with a suggested minimum amount to be displayed on the donation page. Zach reported that the Newburyport Spring Festival has been canceled, but the Fall Fest is still planned for October 10th and 11th, though they may need to explore alternative fundraising opportunities since the Chamber of Commerce event might not align well with their goals.

### **Red Sox Game Planning Meeting**

The group discussed two upcoming social events including a potential Red Sox game on June 13th at 4 PM and a bowling fundraiser. They decided to pursue the Rangers game date over the Yankee game, with Zach agreeing to contact Elias for ticket assistance. The event is expected to host 12-15 people, potentially more, with transportation to be arranged by carpool or private van.

### **Metropolis of Boston Camp Retreat Planning Discussion**

The group discussed organizing a retreat at a camp in Contoocook, NH. Father Costin suggested a Friday-to-Saturday format that could accommodate up to 20 people. He agreed to contact the camp office to check availability, with Father Costin offering to make the initial inquiry due to his familiarity with the facility. The retreat would include recreational activities, spiritual components like evening services and morning orthros, and potentially a speaker, though they decided to focus on bonding and getting to know the camp rather than making it a heavy spiritual retreat.

### **Retreat Center Visit Planning Discussion**

The group discussed planning a visit to a retreat center, with Annunciation agreeing to call and inquire about available dates, likely in September or early October, for a small group gathering. They considered the possibility of joining an existing event or scheduling a separate retreat, with Bruce mentioning a disability event in March. John emphasized the importance of building a strong foundation for future activities and suggested using photos and the website to engage more people in the group.

### **Community Outreach and Lent Planning**

The meeting covered several topics, including a sheltering initiative for the homeless led by Annunciation, Bruce, and Eric, which was organized and well-received by the community. The group discussed plans for a movie night featuring "Man of God" during Lent, with John and Joey offering to provide pizzas. They agreed on March 14th for the event, starting with pizza at 6 PM and the movie at 7 PM, followed by a discussion. This event would be held in St Basil's Hall.

The group also approved a \$200 donation to the church in memory of Louis Andriotakis. John expressed gratitude for the members' contributions and encouraged anyone interested in the treasurer role to step up.