

Summary of Board Discussions January 2022

I. Committees:

The board is forming the following committees and invites members of the congregation to participate in them by contacting the board member listed beside each committee:

- A. Youth Committee (Michael Sourial)
- B. Maintenance Committee (Remon Wahba and Emad Gerges)
- C. IT/ Communication Committee (Wagdy Iskander)
- D. Fundraising Committee (Hala Barsoum, Emad Gerges, Medhat Abdelnour)
- E. Social (Mariam El-Shamaa, Hala Barsoum, Hope Asefa)
- F. Evangelism and Outreach (Hope Asefa)
- G. Medical Advisory Committee (Michael Sourial)

H. In addition, the congregation is welcome to address relevant concerns to the following:

- a. Treasurer: Medhat Abdelnour
- b. Secretary: Mariam El-Shamaa

II. Updates:

- a. Medical Advisory Committee:

The measures under way to help slow the spread of COVID during church services will continue to be evaluated and updated, based on reported cases in the region.

b. Treasurer: The board is making decisions about how best to allocate church funds to take care of immediate needs and priorities, and plan for future growth. The board is recruiting the advice of professionals in finance/ accounting in order to make these decisions.

c. Treasurer: A review of church funds is underway in order to determine how best to record the church's expenditures and how to regularly and clearly report them to the congregation. The board hopes to present something to the congregation within the next two months.

d. Building Maintenance: a new gutter system has been added onto the building, following the completion of the roof. In addition, a decision is being made about repairs and updates to the interior of the church: Sunday school classrooms and hallways, main sanctuary lighting.

e. Building Maintenance: In process of obtaining design and permit for a ramp that would allow wheelchairs, etc. to access church sanctuary.

III. **Other items:**

a. Arabic Bible Study:

A new weekly, virtual Arabic Bible Study is being led by Mamdouh Bishara. It will begin February 4th. Please look for announcements via the church app.

b. Cemetery Plots Assignment (please see Hala Barsoum)

c. Security: the board is reviewing what security measures, if any, need to be taken during liturgy (key-card access)

IV. **Final Remark:**

As always, the Board welcomes input from the congregation. There is a suggestion box that has been placed in the back of the church and we invite anyone to place suggestions there. They can be anonymous if you wish. Alternately, Fr. Makarios and the members of the board would be happy to talk: please reach out to: Fr. Makarios West; Medhat Abdelnour; Hope Asefa; Hala Barsoum; Mariam El-Shamaa, Emad Guirguis; Wagdy Iskander; Michael Sourial; and/or Remon Wahba