

Traverse City Philoptochos General Membership Meeting #5

Thursday, June 3, 2010

5:30pm Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church Community Center

Call to Order: 5:41pm

Those present were: Fr. Iakovos, Rebekah Olechnowicz, Harriet Rennie, Theresa Underwood, Katerina Stavros, Presvytera Joleen, Denyse Everett, Anna Fromholz, Kerry Argyle-Kohler, Donna Psaros.

New Business: Theresa Underwood moved to create a Philoptochos Altar Fund for the purpose of providing necessities for the altar, in consultation with Father Iakovos, with an initial allocation of \$500. Katerina Stavros seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting date is Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 5:30pm.

Theresa Underwood motioned to adjourn; Katerina Stavros seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

This is an informational letter to provide you with news not evident from the minutes of the 3 June meeting. In addition to the creation of an altar fund, which is in the minutes, several other actions were considered which did not require motions or votes.

The Taste of Greece committee has asked the Philoptochos to sponsor a booth at the Taste of Greece dinner, much as we did last year. This year's booth will feature the informational board created last year, but we would like to attach an updated photo. Please plan to be at church on Sunday 27 June for a group photo; it would be wonderful to have all our members included.

In addition to the informational board, a scrapbook will be displayed. We have available for sale, thanks to the generosity of one of our members, Kalliope Drudge of Frankfort, jewelry which she fashioned from beads of semi-precious stones. We would also like to offer craft items for sale. If you have a crafted specialty, please consider donating items.

Please mark your calendars for the next Philoptochos dinner, July 11, in honor of Archangel Gabriel. At the May meeting, it was voted to present profits from that dinner to the church crisis fund.

The parish council has asked the Philoptochos to plant a garden around the tree nearest the church door. Martha Ealy, who has earned her Master Gardener's designation, has been asked to assess the site and make recommendations. More information will follow after that assessment is completed.

In February, the Philoptochos considered backpacks for school students as a project, and it was decided to support the Rotary's backpack project with a group of workers to help fill the packs the Rotary provides. The Rotary asked that we contact them in early June for dates/times/locations. They've been contacted; we're waiting for a reply.

If you have any suggestions for summer community service projects/activities, please contact our Outreach Chairperson, Helen Knapp.