

July 2009 Parish Council Meeting Results

The parish council held its monthly meeting this past Tuesday. Present for the meeting were: Karen Kain, president; John Batsakis, Helen Knapp, Doug Partlo, treasurer; Theresa Patterson, Bob Underwood and Fr. Iakovos. Absent with apologies were: Judy Weston, secretary; Stephanie Long, vice president; and Ray Ealy.

All committees reported on their activities to the council and all reports were accepted as read. Doug Partlo reported on building and grounds situation especially focusing on the punch list of items that our landlord must complete. We are hoping to have the new storage area cleared and ready to occupied following the Taste of Greece this week. We are also looking to have additional building improvements that have been in process finalized by the end of the month. Doug also reported on the negotiations to update our lease to include additional space that we have acquired as well as agree on a term of lease and pricing.

The council set the date for our fall 2009 general assembly. This meeting will take place on Sunday, 19 September following the Holy Services. On that day, in addition to our regular business, we will be nominating persons to the parish council. Council seats up this session include those held by Doug Partlo, Helen Knapp and Theresa Patterson. The election of candidates to seats on the council will take place two weeks later on Sunday, 4 October. Notices as to this meeting along with proposed agendas and committee reports will be in the mail in the next several weeks.

The council was informed that the Leadership 100 grant that had been partially funding our operations here has been terminated due to poor performance of Archdiocesan investments. Another casualty of the Wall Street meltdown, the Archdiocese has announced that it is no longer in a position to award these grants due to a lack of income. Our council is making plans and considering options to make up for this lost subsidy and will report at our annual meeting.

In other news, the council approved an initiative suggested by Dennis Stavros to reach out to the men of the parish. There will be an exploratory meeting of men of the parish interested in creating a group in which to nurture and support one another taking place on Sunday 9 August following the services. More information on this initiative will be available closer to the day of the meeting. Men interested in a social/fellowship group are asked to save the date and bring their ideas to the meeting.

Financial reports made to the council indicate a net surplus on the month of June of \$4,701.96 Year to date we are experiencing a deficit of \$8,516.15. Our Taste of Greece fundraiser will be very important in helping to boost our way through the next six months of the year. Expenses are tracking as expected and donations are keeping pace surprisingly well given the poor state of the economy. Doug Partlo expressed confidence that the parish financial condition is robust enough to carry us through the end of this year.