

**Traverse City Orthodox Mission Church
Parish Council Meeting
March 10, 2009**

Members present: Karen Kain, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, John Batsakis, Ray Ealy, Helen Knapp and Bob Underwood (for part of the meeting by telephone hook-up). Attending in the gallery were Martha Ealy and Dennis Stavros. Absent with apologies were: Judy Weston and Theresa Patterson.

- Motion made by Ray Ealy, second by Doug Partlo to accept January minutes and other documents as presented. Motion carried.
- The council reviewed financial statements made by Doug Partlo and Ray Ealy. Total income reported for the month of February was \$5,145.30. Expenses for the period totaled \$11,324.99 resulting in a net deficit for the month of \$6,179.69. Mr. Partlo explained that year-to-date (1 January thru 28 February) we are actually tracking as would be expected after reviewing last year's data. The majority of the deficit is due to timing issues, he said.
- Our stewardship committee reported total number of pledges recorded for 2009 equaling \$96,911. Receipts to date total \$11,775. Our distribution of pledges is:\$10,000 and above =3; \$5,000-\$9,999 =2; \$1,000-\$4,999 =23; \$500-\$999 =13; and less than \$499 for the year =12.
- In other news the council voted to proceed with flooring projects in both our community center and education centers. Estimated cost of the project in the community center is \$2,193.08 with a similar amount needed to install flooring in the education center as well. Work will be performed by Randy Kain of our parish assisted by a journeyman and some of our parishioners doing tear out and floor prep. Motion made by Ray Ealy and seconded by Doug Partlo to approve estimate and move forward with the flooring installation. Motion carried.
- Father Iakovos reported to the council that His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas has tentatively scheduled a visit with us in early July during the Cherry Festival time. We will begin planning for this visit following Pascha. This will also mark the end of the second year of Father's assignment to this parish.
- We are waiting to hear from the Metropolitan to get the final approval for the organization of our Philoptochos. Once that happens, we can proceed with a meeting and election of officers.
- Council members met with Augie (building maintenance) to discuss upcoming projects and timelines. We will continue work on painting, flooring and the installation of a small kitchen.
- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 14 at 5:30 pm at the Church.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kain (with help from Stephanie Long)