

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3010 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686
April 7, 2009
Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present:

John Batsakis, Karen Kain, Helen Knapp, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Theresa Patterson, and Judy Weston.

Opening Prayer:

Father Iakovos led the assembled in the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by John Batsakis to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Mr. Partlo reviewed all of the financial reports as presented by Kristina Singer and Donna Psaros. Discussion followed and questions were answered as to the high charge amounts on the church credit cards. This was due mainly to purchase of the oil lamps located on the walls in the church. Father stated that the Kim Hagerty family will be making a donation to the church for the purchase of the oil lamps. Mr. Partlo reported that we did have a profit for the month of March of \$1,500. The reports were accepted as presented.

Stewardship Report:

Mrs. Dalbo's report showed that we currently have 58 stewards contributing \$24,025.00 to date. The quarterly statements have been sent out and she continues her quest to collect the pledges that were promised but have not yet been received.

Bookstore Report:

Mr. Roger Dunlap reported a profit of \$120.00.

Religious Education and Church School Report:

Mrs. Holly Olszewski reported that the coin drive will close on Lazarus Sunday. Mrs. Nikki Lennox has agreed to begin planning youth group activities targeted to serve the needs of our youth who are ages 14-20. Mrs. Olszewski requested parish council approval to serve a light lunch to those staying on Lazarus Saturday to fold palms. A motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by Helen Knapp to approve a light lunch for Lazarus Saturday. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Committee Report:

Mr. Partlo reported that the floor in the social hall has been prepared for the installation of the tile. The tiling will start Wednesday, April 8. Mr. Partlo is working with the landlord to finalize everything on the church punch list.

Mr. Partlo presented a proposal to purchase new chairs to be used in the church. Currently, we do not have enough chairs to use in the social hall and the church without hauling chairs from room to room especially in the summer months. He proposed we purchase 80 burgundy chairs for the church at a cost of \$32.99 each for a total of approximately \$3,000.00. A motion by Theresa Patterson, seconded by Helen Knapp to purchase 80 chairs for the church not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion passed unanimously. Father will announce this purchase and ask parishioners to donate to help defray the cost of the chairs.

Website Statistics:

Karen Kain reported that website usage is up 20%.

Pascha Preparations:

Eric Patterson has volunteered to cook a meal of fish for Palm Sunday and a meal of roasted pig for Pascha. Discussion followed and it was decided to not have the fish dinner on Palm Sunday but to proceed with the meal on Pascha as has been the custom. It was strongly suggested that a "donation" box be set out to help offset the cost of the food. A motion by Karen Kain, seconded by Stephanie Long to authorize the spending of not more than \$500.00 for the Pascha dinner. Motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning:

Stephanie Long reported that the next Strategic Planning meeting will be held May 17, 2009.

May 3, 2009 General Assembly:

The by-laws of the church state that we will have a spring assembly. At the September 7, 2008 General Assembly, the date of the spring assembly was set for May 3, 2009. This assembly will present a financial report covering all income and expenses for the preceding year. Mr. Partlo will present this. He feels that he should also present a current year to date report. The Audit Report shall also be submitted for approval. Mrs. Long suggested that we meet after Liturgy on April 26 to finalize the reports. A notice of this meeting will be posted, emailed and mailed to all parishioners two weeks prior to May 3, 2009.

Final Equipment for the Church:

A church in Bronx, New York would like to donate a stasidia and chanters stand to our church if we would facilitate the delivery. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Foster will be visiting that area soon and have volunteered to pick up and deliver this equipment. A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Theresa Patterson to reimburse the Foster's for the cost of renting a trailer and gas to transport the equipment to Traverse City. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Karen Kain stated that a request had been made by some parishioners to purchase a water cooler. The water in the fountain is poor and not everyone likes to drink coffee. A motion by Karen Kain, seconded by Stephanie Long to purchase a water cooler for our social hall. Motion passed unanimously.

After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Judith Weston