

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3010 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686
November 12, 2008
Minutes

Call to Order:

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

Members Present:

John Batsakis, Karen Kain, Helen Knapp, Doug Partlo, Harriet Rennie, Theresa Patterson, Judy Weston, and Father Iakovos.

Guests Present:

Helen Dalbo, Martha and Ray Ealy.

Opening Prayer:

Father Iakovos let the assembled in the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion by Karen Kain, seconded by Theresa Patterson to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship Report:

Mrs. Dalbo reported that we have received 75 pledge cards to date with 15 stewards contributing more that they pledged. It was recommended that a letter be sent to those stewards thanking them for their contribution.

The stewardship letter was read and approved by those present and the campaign will start this Sunday, November 16. The letter, the proportional giving chart and the 2009 card will be handed out at Sunday's service and mailed to those out of town. We will have a Stewardship Sunday on December 14, 2008 and the stewards will be asked to come to the altar and give their card in person. A small token will be given to them at that time.

Financial Reports:

The council reviewed all the financial reports from Kristina Singer and Donna Psaros. Discussion followed. The financial reports were accepted as presented. Doug Partlo will meet with the landlord and discuss proposed changes to the fellowship room. He will consult with Holly Olszewski and Randy Kain about how the space will be configured.

Bookstore Report for October:

The bookstore reported sales of \$339.00 for the month of October.

Pledge Envelopes for 2009:

Karen Kain will research the 2009 pledge envelopes and report back to the parish council.

Christmas Schedule:

Father ask for input of the parish council in scheduling services for the Christmas season. It was the consensus of those present to schedule Compline service at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. A full schedule will be published in a few weeks.

Sleigh Ride:

The council decided to not participate in the sleigh ride from Ranch Rudolph this year.

Church Directory:

The church directory will be distributed before Christmas.

Friends of the Metropolis:

We have been ask to participate in the Friends of the Metropolis campaign again this year. A motion by Karen Kain, seconded by Helen Knapp to send the Metropolis \$1,000.00 from the Parish Council. Motion passed unanimously. Father will appeal to the congregation for individual contributions to this fund..

OtherBusiness:

Work is progressing on the By-laws and Strategic Planning. Reports will be forth coming.

Closing Prayer:

After a closing prayer, the meeting adjoured at 7:30 p.m.

Judith Weston