

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3010 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686
October 13, 2009
Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

John Batsakis, Karen Kain, Helen Knapp, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Theresa Patterson, Bob Underwood, Judy Weston, and council member-elect, Nikki Sobkowski.

Opening Prayer:

Father Iakovos led the assembled in the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Theresa Patterson to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting as presented.

Financial Reports:

Doug Partlo presented the financial reports. He stated that with the completion of the kitchen, we are finished with our Capital Improvements. Discussion followed. It was suggested that we put a small plaque on the large candle stand indication that a \$5.00 donation would be helpful. Also suggested was a plaque in which all of the names of the people who have purchased items for the church be made and hung in the social hall.

Building Report: Doug Partlo reported that all of the locks in our part of the building complex have been rekeyed. The landlord is working on the outside lighting issue.

Other Reports:

Prior to the meeting the Bookstore Report, Men's Group Report, Religious Education Report, Stewardship Report and Website Statistics were emailed to the Council. There were no questions and the reports were accepted as presented.

Bylaws Update:

Stephanie Long reported that the Bylaws are still a work in progress and we should see the finished product soon.

Internet Access:

Karen Kain is in the process of investigating the best way to have interaction with Mr. Underwood while he is in Florida.

Clergy Laity Conference:

Father Iakovos reported that we had eleven parishioners present at the Clergy Laity Conference that was held in Westland, MI beginning October 7, 2009.

Bob Underwood and Dennis Stavros reported on the various events that they attended at this conference. We also had a representative from the Philoptochos, Theresa Underwood, in attendance.

Parish Council Meeting, October 13, 2009 (Continued):

Strategic Planning:

Our Mission Statement will be distributed to all of our parishioners. It is still unclear which way the parishioner want to proceed from this point. Nikki Sobkowski will chair a sub-committee to try to get a clearer vision of how the parish wants to move forward.

Recognition Dinner:

The Council set November 15, 2009 as the date to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of our charter and to recognizing Harriet Rennie for her accomplishments in seeing that the parish receives the services of a full time priest.

Christmas Schedule:

The Christmas schedule of services will be similar to last year. Father will publish this schedule.

Correspondence:

Karen Kain read a letter received from Sharon Foster expressing her concerns over the liturgical music of our parish. This correspondence will be tabled until the November meeting.

After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Judith Weston