

**ARCHANGEL GABRIEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686
April 20, 2010
Minutes**

Call to Order:

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

Opening Prayer:

Father Iakovos led the assembled in the opening prayer.

Members Present:

Andy Foster, Karen Kain, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Theresa Paterson, Nikki Sobkowski, Bob Underwood (electronically), and Judy Weston.

Guest Present: Helen Dalbo.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion by Nikki Sobkowski, seconded by Theresa Patterson to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship Report:

Mrs. Dalbo, Stewardship Chair, reported that to date the pledged amounts are about the same as last year at this time. She reported that we lost 4 pledges in 2008, 9 pledges in 2009 and can expect to lose 4-6 pledges in 2010 due to moving, death, economy, etc. The council thanked Mrs. Dalbo for all of her hard work.

Financial Reports:

Mr. Partlo reported that we are holding our own thus far this year.

Other Reports:

The Education Report, Philoptochos Report, and Website Statics were emailed to the council prior to the meeting. There were no questions and were accepted as presented.

NorthSky:

A proposal by NorthSky to provide guidance and services in framing a feasibility study was presented to the Council. Mrs. Kane explained that they would assist us with guidance to launch a capital campaign. They have offered to meet with us and explain what is involved with this venture. A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Bob Underwood to hold a 2 hour meeting with NorthStar for a cost of \$270.00 (\$90.00 per hour - 1 hour preparation and 2 explanation). Motion passed unanimously. The meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Parish Council Meeting, April 20, 2010 (Continued):

Radio Ads:

The assembled revisited the radio ads. We have spent \$1,200 thus far. It was the consensus of those present to discontinue the radio ads at this time.

RFP for New Bank:

Since the merger of Huntington Bank & PNC has just occurred, Mr. Parlo stated that he would like to give PNC a chance before we consider changing banks. He will visit them and see if he can obtain a better interest rate. Since they have just taken over Huntington Bank, we do not know exactly what will be changed. We can revisit this at a later date if necessary.

Report from Father:

Father reported that he met with the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan would like priests who have never been to Turkey to travel with him to Constantinople. Father feels that this trip is too expensive and we should not entertain the idea of sending him to accompany the Metropolitan.

Agenda for the Spring Assembly:

The council approved the agenda for the spring assembly with the addition of Andy Foster presenting an update of what the Parish Council is doing.

Delegate for the National Convention:

Father is not planning on attending the National Convention in Atlanta but if parishioners want to attend at their own expense, he would endorse this.

Open Discussion:

It was suggested that we entertain the idea of a Sister Church. Discussion followed.

After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Judith Weston