

**ARCHANGEL GABRIEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
3010 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686  
December 8, 2009  
Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Members Present:** Father Iakovos, John Batsakis, Karen Kain, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, and Judy Weston. Members Elect Andy Forster and Nikki Sobkowski.

**Opening Prayer:**

Father Iakovos led the assembled in the opening prayer.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Stephanie Long to accept the Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports:**

Doug Partlo stated that he is in the process of classifying items that have been purchased in the year 2009 and some items in 2008 to be capitalized. Capitalized items are a one time only expense. By the end of 2009, our books will show a more accurate balance.

Mr. Partlo also mentioned that we will be filing our 2009 Federal Income Tax forms.

**Other Reports:**

Reports from the Men's Group, Bookstore, Stewardship, Philoptochos and Website Statistics were emailed to members prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

**Education Report:**

Father Iakovos reported that the mid teens will be attending a hockey game in the future. We have more children in attendance in our Sunday School and will need a teacher's aide in the future. This will be publicized in hopes that someone will volunteer.

He also reported on the Father Arseny book that our parishioners are reading. The Dennon Museum at Northwestern Michigan College is hosting an exhibit on Russian gulags soon. They will be bring in Dr. Peter Bouteneff from St. Vladimir's Seminary to give two lectures. This will tie in nicely with our parish reading of this book.

**Strategic Planning:**

The date January 31, 2010 will be the date of our next Strategic Planning meeting.

## **Parish Council Meeting, December 8, 2009 (Continued):**

### **Reports from Father:**

With the growth of our parish, several of our service groups have requested donations from the congregation. Father suggested we institute a request form for the groups to fill out and present to the Parish Council for approval. That way our congregation will not be hit by all them at the same time for a donation. All in attendance agreed.

Father reported that our official name change is in the hand of our Attorney. After that is legally established, all our bank accounts, charge cards, stationary, etc. will be officially changed to read Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church.

The Friends of the Metropolis is drawing to a close and we have done very well in these hard economic times.

### **Statewide Appeal for Donations:**

We will be sending a letter announcing our new name, a small calendar, and requesting a donation. This appeal will go out to people who have in the past expressed an interest in our church.

### **Subdeacon Honorarium:**

A motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by Judy Weston to award Subdeacon Eric Patterson \$150.00 whenever he is called upon to fill in for Father now and in the future. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Wage Shortage:**

Doug Partlo discovered that we have not paid Father Iakovos his entire salary for the year 2009. When the Metropolis stopped subsidizing his pay, we did not pick it up in timely manner. For this reason, a motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by John Batsakis to give Father a check for \$5,000.00 this year. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Judith Weston