

**ARCHANGEL GABRIEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Munson Medical Center, Dining Room 3, Traverse City, MI 49684
January 19, 2010
Minutes**

Call to Order:

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

Opening Prayer:

Father Iakovos led the assembled in the opening prayer.

Members Present: Father Iakovos, Andy Foster, Karen Kain, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Theresa Patterson, Nikki Sobkowski, Bob Underwood (electronically) and Judy Weston.

Oath of Office:

Father Iakovos administered the Oath of Office to Andy Foster.

Election of Officers for 2010:

A motion by Nikki Sobkowski, seconded by Theresa Patterson to elect Karen Kain, President; Stephanie Long, Vice-President; Doug Partlo, Treasurer; and Judy Weston, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion by Bob Underwood, seconded by Stephanie Long to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2009 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Mr. Partlo went over all of the financial reports for the year ending 2009. He stated that we ended the year with a deficit of \$1,003.09. Discussion followed.

A motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by Theresa Patterson to establish a Building Fund Account with the transfer of \$10,000.00 to this account. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Reports:

Reports from the Bookstore, Men's Group, Religious Education, Stewardship, Philoptochos, and Website Statistics were emailed to members prior to the meeting. It was suggested that a representative from each of the organizations present an oral report to the Parish Council periodically.

Strategic Planning:

Stephanie Long will be holding a Strategic Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The purpose is to tie up any loose ends and find out what the parishioners want to see happen in the future.

Parish Council Meeting, January 10, 2010 (Continued):

Reports from Father:

Father Iakovos reported that he has been ask to travel to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to hold Liturgical services. He will travel there on February 13, 2010 to hold the first liturgy. A study will be done to see if people in this community will come to services during the week instead of on a Sunday. He will be reporting back to the Metropolitan on the status of the endeavor.

Program Proposal:

Father presented a Program Proposal form from another organization for the council's review. Andy Foster has volunteered to personalize it for our organization. The council is in agreement that this form is needed.

Giving Tree:

The Giving Tree project that we sponsored for Sgt. Paul Maas was a big success. We collected over \$400 in gas money and also other gifts for the family. They were most appreciative. It is good to note that the Maas' family is not of our church.

Iconography:

Father reported that he has a call in to the artist Dennis Bell about the new Icon of the Archangel Gabriel.

Resolutions for Father Iakovos' Compensation Package:

A motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by Judith Weston to accept the compensation package as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (The Resolution is attached and in the Minutes Book.)

New Editing Software:

Karen Kain reported that Jennifer Borkvoch is no longer with Zeal International but she has agreed to continue working with our PR and Marketing. However, it has become important that we purchase new softwear so that Karen Kain and Father Iakovos can continue to update our website. A motion by Nikki Sobkowski, seconded Judy Weston to purchase this soft wear for approximate \$1,200.00. Motion passed with Stephanie Long abstaining.

Radio Announcements:

Karen Kain presented a proposal that we institute an informational radio campaign to inform the community that we are here and that we are a Christian church. Father Iakovos would do 30 second messages 4 times per week for 3 months for a cost of \$1,612.00. A motion by Andy Foster, seconded by Stephanie Long to do a trial of this for 3 months only. At the end of that time we would evaluate this program before proceeding with any further sessions. Motion passed unanimously.

Statewide Appeal:

Father Iakovos is still working on the statewide appeal. It will most likely be mailed after the next Strategic Planning Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting, January 10, 2010 (Continued):

Replacement of Council Member John Batsakis:

Mr. Batsakis has taken a position in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has indicated to Karen Kain that he will send a written letter of resignation from the Parish Council. A replacement to fulfill Mr. Batsakis' term on the Parish Council was tabled until the next months meeting.

Philoptochos Start Up Monies :

The council had given the Philoptochos \$100 to start up the organization. A motion by Nikki Sobkowski, seconded by Stephanie Long not to accept a return of the money. Motion unanimously.

Spring Assembly:

The council set the date of the Spring Assembly to be April 25, 2010.

Open Discussion:

- * Father reported that the March 26, 1965 Life Magazine picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Archbishop Iakovos be accepted by the Council from the Stavros' family and will be hung in the education center.
- * Judy Weston read a thank you letter from Helen Knapp for the Icon presented to her.

After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Judith Weston