

**ARCHANGEL GABRIEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686  
March 16, 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.

**Oath of Office:**

Father Iakovos administered the Oath of Office to Doug Hadley. Mr. Hadley will fulfil Mr. John Batsakis' term on the Parish Council.

**Members Present:**

Doug Hadley, Karen Kain, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Nikki Sobkowski, and Judy Weston.

**Guests Present:** Pam & Steve Bemis.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion by Nikki Sobkowski, seconded by Stephanie Long to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Programs:**

Two requests for new programs have been received from the Religious Education Department. Parish Game Night and Parish Family Movie Night. A motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by Nikki Sobkowski to combined the two programs and they be held once a month with time and date to be determined. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Reports:**

Reports on Stewardship, Education, Philoptochos, Men's Group, and the Website statistics were emailed to the council prior to the meeting. There were no questions and were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Doug Partlo went over all of the financial activity of the past month. There was confusion over a bill received from the Yellow Pages and the matter was settled by our attorney, Mike Long. Mr. Partlo stated that it was time to appoint a building committee to study the feasibility of building a church in the future. It was decided to have a special parish council meeting on April 6 to discuss this matter.

**Spring Assembly:**

The council discussed the up coming Spring Assembly to be held on Sunday, April 24, 2010. The Audit Report for year 2009 will be presented at this meeting. The previously approved bylaws will be distributed. A few proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on at this meeting.

**Parish Council Meeting, March 16, 2010 (Continued):**

**Reports from Father:**

Father will be traveling to Sault Ste. Marie this coming Saturday, March 20, 2010 to hold a liturgical service. He suggested that it might be beneficial for the Parish Councils of our Church and St. George Greek Orthodox Church have a joint meeting.

Father suggested that perhaps our parishioners would be willing to house people coming down from Sault Ste. Marie to attend Pascha services. He will publish this in the bulletin.

**Metropolis Oratorical Festival:**

Katie Long will be representing our parish by participating in the Oratorical Festival on April 17, 2010 in Ann Arbor at St. Nicholas Church. We have received a request to purchase an add in Oratorical program. A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Karen Kain to place an add in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Scholarship Fund program for a cost of \$100.00. Motion passed with Stephanie Long abstaining.

**Pascha Eggs & Flowers:**

Helen Dalbo has volunteer to color all the Pascha eggs. It was the consensus of those present to only color 7 dozen eggs. Helen Knapp has volunteered to oversee all of the flowers for the Pascha services.

**Iconography:**

The artist, Dennis Bell has submitted several examples of icon styles. The consensus of those present to choose the example of Archangel Gabriel with a full frontage from the waist up to match the others in the iconostasis. A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Judy Weston to authorize Father to commission this icon to be made for a cost of not more than \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously.

**Donations for Eric Patterson:**

Currently we have collected \$370.00 to help the family of Eric Patterson pay the their hospital bill. Several parishioners have stated that they are still going to contribute to this fund. A motion by Stephanie Long, seconded by Karen Kain to send to the Patterson's family at least \$500.00 through the Crisis Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

**Taste of Greece:**

A recommendation from those present to include pita bread instead of rolls and butter with the dinner. The selling of beer or wine was not recommended.

**Closed Session:**

Guests were ask to leave while the council discussed confidential matters.

After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Judith Weston