

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**3010 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686**  
**February 11, 2009**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Members Present:**

John Batsakis, Ray Ealy, Karen Kain, Helen Knapp, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Theresa Patterson, Judy Weston and Father Iakovos.

**Guests Present:** Martha Ealy and Dennis Stavros.

**Opening Prayer:**

Father Iakovos led the assembled in the opening prayer.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Judith Weston advised the assembled that the minutes of the January 14, 2009 were incomplete. While the council approved the implementation of a Discretionary or Crisis Fund to be established according to our By-Laws with Father Iakovos being authorized to use at his discretion, the council did not authorized the funding of this fund. Therefore, an addendum to the January 14, 2009 minutes will be added. A motion by Doug Partlo, seconded by Karen Kain authorizing \$1,000.00 to be put into this account as seed money and to accept the minutes as presented with the addendum. Motion passed unanimously

**Financial Reports:**

Mr. Partlo reported that he and Mr. Ealy are working with Kristina Singer to form guidelines in establishing categories in an attempt to standardize our record keeping. He, as treasurer, will code items so that Ms. Singer knows how to charge them. All of the reports from Ms. Singer and Mrs. Psaros were accepted as presented.

**Stewardship Report:**

Mrs. Dalbo reported that we have received 48 pledges for a total of \$91,011 pledged. She is still actively working on others who are out of town or have not as yet pledged.

**Bookstore Report:**

Mr. Dunlap's report showed that sales during the last month were down as is usual in the month of January.

**Religious Education & Church School Report:**

Mrs. Olszewski reported that the church school will be starting a coin drive during Lent. It will be the adults against the children. They will decide where to give the proceeds of this drive. Also, on the up coming agenda will be a Saturday class on the Book of Exodus that will held during Lent.

**Building Committee:**

Mr. Partlo reported that the work has not been done by the landlord on the third room so therefore; we are not paying rent on this until it is done. Flooring samples were looked at and it

was the consensus of council members present that we would go with the brown/beige tile for the fellowship room as opposed to the gray/charcoal tile. Mr. Randy Kain will submit a proposal before this work commences.

**Bylaw Report:**

Mr. Partlo and Mrs. Long will finish up the wording of the Bylaws after this meeting.

**Curtains:**

Sharon and Andy Foster are finishing up the curtains on the Templon.

**Petoskey Report:**

Father reported that the attendance of services in Petoskey is low. The next scheduled service in that area will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. This parish activity is still being evaluated. We have been marketing the services in the local papers in Petoskey, Charlevoix and Gaylord.

**New Business:**

***Social/Outreach:***

Helen Knapp has put together eight social activities for our church members. She will publish this, see how much interest is shown and schedule accordingly.

***Yellow Pages:***

Doug Partlo reported that he has renewed our contract with Yellow Pages. We have added an internet ad this year to our already existing paper advertisement.

***Meeting Dates:***

Due to the starting of Lent, the consensus of those present was to change our Parish Council meeting dates to Tuesday, March 10, 2009 and Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

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

Judith Weston