

**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
POTTSTOWN, PA
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
March 8, 2007**

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. David and called to order by President, C, at 7:15 p.m. Present were The Very Rev. S. David Mahaffey, Jr., Protodeacon Peter Skoog, RH , AMB, CB, WG, RG, and SY.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Redner's Supermarket tapes- \$189.29 profit.
- Letter from Garland Commercial Industries, Inc. responding to the request to donate a convection oven to the church.
- Email from J&KB offering to clean the church during the month of March up to Holy Thursday.

MINUTES were approved as read. Motion by CB; seconded, WG.

Until a quorum was present, Council discussed various matters. Fr. David talked about an inquiry from a business asking to purchase a standing order of pierogi. The suggestion was made to sell them 20 dozen pierogi @\$5/dozen. Also suggested was to make and sell pierogi on a regular basis: the second Saturday of the month, excluding summer months.

Easter Ethnic Bake Sale-March 24-to be held 9 am until sold out. For sale will be pascha breads, nutrolls, pierogi, halushki, and soup. His Grace, Bishop TIKHON, has discouraged the sale of holupki during the Easter Ethnic Bake Sale, which will be held during Great Lent.

Council approved running an ad in *The Mercury*: 2"x2" at a cost of \$106. Motion made by CB; seconded, WG.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer, CB, presented her report and commented that expenses were in excess of the usual monthly amounts because of the additional expenses for moving, new weekly envelope boxes, the \$950 boiler repair and other repairs.

CB reported receipt of \$755 in memory of Mr. JR to be earmarked toward the Bell Fund, as requested by John's wife, Diane.

Profit for the Pierogi project was approximately \$946, pending additional receipts.

Payment of Accounts Receivables: Council approved a motion to pay all bills as presented in the Financial Report and to transfer \$3700 from the Building Fund into the General Fund. Motion made by WG; seconded, AMB. All in favor.

JB	fan motor	\$ 350.46
PAB	propane tanks	\$ 93.84
Diocese Eastern PA	health insurance	\$1,383.50
Down to Earth Landscaping	9 saltings	\$ 595.00
Well & Sons Chimney Service	cleaning	\$ 149.95
	Total:	\$ 2,572.75

Council approved the following motions with regard to finances:

- Payment of Health Insurance: To pay for the priest's health insurance on a monthly basis as the bill comes due. Motion by WG; seconded, SY. All in favor.
- To transfer \$500 donated by Mr. & Mrs. JP for repair of the boiler from Restricted Funds to the General Fund. Motion by WG; seconded, SY. All in favor.

Bill for Yellow Pages United - \$619.00—Fr. David will cancel the listing.

OLD BUSINESS CHURCH

Youth Choir from Russia: May 11 is not a good day for this group to perform and they are unable to reschedule a performance date.

RECTORY

Phone Message listing: 610-323-4183 will be discontinued.

Chimney: Well & Sons Chimney Service will send estimates for the repairs needed.

Repairs and Carpeting: Council approved a motion to go ahead with purchase and installation: Ceramic tile at estimate of \$1556 for the kitchen and foyer; carpeting for the hallway, living room and dining room, and all bedrooms (estimated \$5620 that includes installation and removal of old); and to add a toilet to the downstairs (estimated cost of \$150). Motion by WG; seconded, SY.

Estimates are still being sought for fixing and/or replacing the downstairs shower stall.

CHURCH SCHOOL **No report.**

LADIES ALATAR SOCIETY **No report.**

YOUTH COUNCIL

JM and Matushka Karen are working with the youth to plan an event to be held the Friday or Saturday after Pascha. Other youth groups would be invited.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates Set for Parish Functions/Feast Days:

Pierogi-Making:	April 14, May 12, Sept., 1, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 8.
Holupki-Making:	May 11 and May 18.
Saturday, March 31	Lazarus Saturday with Proskomedie presented in full view before Divine Liturgy. 3:30 p.m Children's confessions before Vespers.
Sunday, April 15	Blessing of Graves on St. Thomas Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt for Children.
Thursday, May 17	Ascension.
Saturday, May 19	Holupki Sale.
Saturday, September 22	Parish Open House.
Saturday, November 10	Annual Fall Bazaar.
Saturday, December 15	Annual Cookie Sale.
Sunday, December 16	Yolka.
80 th Anniversary of Parish to be celebrated in 2008.	

Paschal Gifts: Council approved gifts of \$100 each to the pastor, the deacon, and the choir director. Motion by WG; seconded, SY. All in favor with one abstention.

Flowers for the Cross on Sunday of the Cross, third Sunday in Great Lent: RH asked that flowers be donated by the Parish Council for the health of Helen P.

Paschal Services: In addition to the usual Holy Week Services Thursday through Saturday night, Fr. David will serve Bridegroom Matins on Monday and Tuesday evenings; Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts on Wednesday morning and Holy Unction service on Wednesday evening. Royal Hours will be served Holy Friday morning; Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning; Paschal Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday. On Bright Tuesday, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the monastery.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting will be held Bright Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. and closed with a prayer. Motion by WG; seconded, SY. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

AMB
Secretary

RH
President