

**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH  
POTTSTOWN, PA  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2007**

The meeting opened with a prayer and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Very Rev. S. David M, Jr., who chaired the meeting. In attendance were Fr. David, Matushka Karen, RH, AMB, CB, WG, DB, CS, SY, and RG.

**CORRESPONDENCE**           None

**MINUTES** were approved as corrected to read "20 dozen pierogi" (instead of 200 pierogi). Motion by CB; seconded, CS. All in favor.

Fr. David asked that all Minutes, once they are approved, be sent to PAB to be placed on the parish website.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Treasurer, CB, presented the statement for March 2007. CB noted that profit for the Easter Bake Sale on March 25 was \$2,449.39.

CB brought up the matter of how to calculate the amount of money to pay toward Fr. David's OCA Pension Plan. Fr. David asked the Council to assess a monetary value to the rectory for the purpose of computing how much money should go into the priest's OCA pension plan. The OCA Pension Plan requires .06 % of one month's salary and .06% of the value of the rectory to be contributed by the parish.

Council approved a motion to submit six percent (6 %) on \$400 assessment for the rectory plus the six percent (6 %) of the priest's monthly salary toward the priest's OCA Pension Plan and to revisit the assessment as needed. Motion by CS; seconded, DB. All in favor.

Council approved payment of all Accounts Receivable totaling \$2,132.55 plus the amount approved for payment to the OCA Pension Plan for the parish priest. Motion made by DB; seconded, AMB.

Council approved establishment of a \$50 Petty Cash Fund to pay for miscellaneous expenses incurred by the parish priest. Motion made by DB; seconded, CS.

**OLD BUSINESS  
CHURCH**

**Pews:** No action taken.

**Archpastoral Visit by His Grace, Bishop TIKHON:** The Bishop will join us for Vespers, Friday, May 5, at 5:00 p.m. and for Divine Liturgy on May 6. Council approved a \$300.00 stipend for Bishop TIKHON and \$50 stipend for each subdeacon who accompanies the bishop. Motion made by DB; seconded, SY. All in favor.

DB will look into the menu and cost of catering a meal for Saturday evening. Martha M will cook a meal for the parish after Divine Liturgy on May 6.

**Service Times for Summer Schedule:** Starting Sunday, May 27, Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00 a.m.

### **RECTORY**

Fr. David reported that all plumbing has been thoroughly repaired. All carpeting has been installed, as well as the ceramic tile in the kitchen and foyer.

### **BY-LAWS**

In view of a recent death, Fr. David checked the by-laws regarding burial of a person who is not a parishioner. Fr. David advised Catagnus Funeral Home that \$500 payment is required and advised Catagnus to inform the family of the deceased accordingly.

### **LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

A spaghetti dinner is planned for Friday, June 1, 2007 (non-fasting day).

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

May 20 is the last day for church school. Council approved the purchase of gifts for each church school child in an amount up to \$5.00. Motion made by DB; seconded, AMB. All in favor.

**Graduating Students:** Two graduations are expected this year: Jonathan G from high school; Rachel M, from Temple University. Each graduate will be given an Orthodox Study Bible and a travel icon.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Plans are still a work-in-progress.

**OUTREACH:** Council approved \$250 from the St. Nicholas Outreach Works (S.N.O.W.) Fund to be given toward person(s) deemed needing assistance at the discretion of the parish priest. Motion made by WG; seconded, CS.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Holupki and Pierogi Sale:** Saturday, May 19. Time not determined.

#### **Holupki-making dates:**

May 11 and May 17 (preparing cabbage and meat)

May 12 and May 18 (rolling the leaves and mixture).

The May 11-12 dates previously designated for making pierogi are designated instead for making holupki, since the pierogi crew has determined enough pierogi have been made. Announcement of the changes are to be placed in the church bulletin.

A 1" x 1" ad for \$53.00 will be placed in *The Mercury*. Free advertisement, as in Community Bulletin Boards, should be utilized.

**Damage to the church kitchen storage room.** WG will investigate means to repair a hole in the kitchen storage room.

**Organization of Parish Events:** WG initiated discussion about the need for better organization to facilitate smoother flow of how work is accomplished in various projects. No specific actions were taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:30 p.m. Motion made by WG. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

AMB  
Secretary

RH  
President