

**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
POTTSTOWN PA
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2007**

The meeting opened with a prayer led by The Very Rev. David Mahaffey and was called to order by President, RH, at 7:06 p.m. Present were Fr. David Mahaffey, Protodeacon Peter Skoog, RH, CB, AMB, MB, CS, DB, and KS. Quorum present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Boscov's Department Store regarding an October promotion and fundraiser
- PECO: A letter regarding notice of intent to trim wires on parish property.
- Redner's Supermarket: Receipt of \$127.00 from register tapes fundraiser.
- Pottstown Burial & Vault: \$30 donations from the last three burials in the parish.
- Pottsgrove Manor Historical Society: June special events.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer, CB, summarized main points of the report. Profit from the Holupki Sale was \$1,243.86. The S.N.O.W. Fund balance of \$791.85 is included in the General Fund end-of-month balance.

Payment of Bills: A motion to pay all bills totaling \$1,262.53 as presented was made by DB; seconded, CS. All in favor.

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by MB; seconded, DB. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS
CHURCH**

Pews: After discussion, Council consensus was not to ask for an estimate from another company that replaces pew cushions.

Boiler: Two estimates on cost of installation of the new boiler are expected during the coming week.

Church Parking Lot: AMB called attention to the need for hot crackfilling/or seal coating, based on recommendations from Alpha Seal and Chem Seal companies. A detailed assessment of need in order to prevent cost of repaving was offered by Matt Stump, of Alpha Seal, which was presented to Council. Quotes from last year were provided. Fr. David mentioned that he could probably do some of the work himself. No action taken due to lack of funds.

Wooden Desk in the Narthex: A request was made to move the desk out of the narthex for the wedding June 29.

Central Air Conditioning System Repair: KS reported that Charles Paprocki added two or three cans of sealant that plugs leaks as they occur. It was hoped this would be a sufficient fix to the system.

RECTORY

A garden tractor was donated and will be stored in the shed on the property.

Circuit breakers keep tripping: a low voltage problem is suspected. Council will ask parishioner JC to review the problem and assess any need for repair.

Ladies Altar Society: There has been no resolution to the vacancy of president and secretary, and it is hoped that someone will assume responsibility by the Fall. The Altar Society's main goal is to acquire sufficient funds to purchase new gold-colored vestments and altar covers.

RH reported on the idea to hold a raffle over the summer and through early September. Prizes would be \$300, \$200, and \$100. Tickets would be \$2.00 each.

CB reported having received a Resolution Letter in the mail from Harleysville National Bank. CB reported having handled the matter. Those now having access to the Ladies Altar Society bank account include the vice-president and the treasurer of Ladies Altar Society and two Council officers.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes have ended for the year, and Protodeacon Peter is working on future plans.

OUTREACH

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

80TH Anniversary of the Parish - Pentecost 2008. RH commented on the importance of coming together as a group for this parish celebration. Fr. David advised that an Anniversary Committee be formed. Council discussed possible dates. No further action was taken.

By-Laws Committee: Council needs to establish a committee to review by-laws.

Parish Directory: AMB suggested the need to update the current directory which has outdated information for many parishioners.

Parish Phone Squad List: AMB suggested that Council make up a call list for the purpose of notifying parishioners of deaths in the parish or major changes in the service schedules. AMB will submit a preliminary call list.

Summer Events:

Friday, July 27: Akathist to St. Panteleimon the Great Healer and to The Theotokos, Healer from Cancer. Advertising should include letters to churches in the area and a listing on PCTV, which is free.

An idea by Fr. David to bless cars after Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Prophet Elijah, July 20, had to be rejected due to a conflict with a wedding rehearsal scheduled for that same day. (Wedding July 21). Council was receptive to the idea.

The St. Nicholas Outreach Works (S.N.O.W.) discussed the intent of the Fund and restated its original purpose: S.N.O.W. was established as a charitable fund for person(s) in need; withdrawal of funds for any recipient, including the amount to be given, is at the sole discretion of the spiritual father of the parish.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting closed with a prayer at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held July 8, 2007 in order to pay bills. The August meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Respectfully submitted,

AMB
Secretary

RH
President