

**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2007
MINUTES**

The meeting opened with a prayer and was called to order by The Very Rev. S. David Mahaffey, Jr., at 12:12 pm in the church basement. In attendance were Fr. David, RH, PB, AMB, CB, WG, MB, DB, KS, RG, and RM. Quorum present.

Fr. David gave two reasons for the purpose of the meeting: The exasperation of the treasurer; and the question of Fr. David's pension with regard to Council's previous motion not to pay the priest's contribution of the pension and the misunderstanding that came about because the dollar amount was not clear.

KS emphasized that council procedures regarding payment of bills have been set and should be followed. Fr. David and council members were in agreement.

Fr. David reported that the pension matter had been discussed among His Grace, the Rt. Rev. TIKHON; The Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, the diocesan chancellor; and Fr. David.

Fr. David reported that the bishop will rule the motion out of order. In cases of a church in financial difficulty, there might be need to have the priest pay his pension month to month. A motion would be needed to this effect.

Fr. David expressed his desire to stay as priest in the parish and his willingness to work with the Council and parish, whatever it takes.

PB commented that in view of the boiler and other repairs needed in the church, the council should ask Fr. David to pay his portion of the pension. KS expressed concern about setting precedent and putting liability upon a future board with payment of the priest's personal contribution of the pension. RH expressed concern that not paying the pension puts a financial strain on the parish priest that might in the future result in his having to seek outside employment or leave the parish. RH noted that since the health insurance for Fr. David is no longer a family plan, there is money available to pay his full pension, as he expected.

Council approved a motion to withdraw a preceding action concerning Fr. David's personal contribution to his pension due to misunderstanding between the parish and the chancellor. Due to the current financial situation, we request that Fr. David pay his portion of the pension, and this topic will be reviewed at some future date. Motion made by PB; seconded by WG. Vote 4-2. Motion passed.

In other business, RG raised the matter of having council minutes and financial reports distributed among council members in advance of the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding having the minutes distributed via email.

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ADJOURNMENT

WG motioned for adjournment. The meeting closed with a prayer at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

AMB
Secretary

RH
President