

St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

First Quarter 2026 Council Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

- I. Opening Prayer: "O Heavenly King"
- II. Establishment of Quorum —
Attending: Ray M., Janet K., Mark M., Paul B., Crystal P., Father Alex
Call-in: Mary L.
- III. Acceptance of Agenda
 - a. Motion by Janet K. to accept the agenda, 2nd by Crystal P., all in favor.
 - b. Council welcomed Janet K. to Council.
- IV. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. Review of October 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion by Paul B. to accept the minutes, 2nd by Ray M., all in favor.
- V. Finance Report
 - a. Father Alex reviewed the Irvona Balance Sheet.
 - b. Janet K. inquired about current CD earnings.
 - c. Father Alex reviewed the Joint Balance Sheet.
 - d. Father Alex reviewed the 2025 budget report for Irvona. The parish finished approximately \$500 under budget. Stewardship giving was slightly lighter than anticipated and will continue to be monitored.
 - e. Request made that future reports be exported to Excel with headings included.
 - f. Motion by Crystal P. to accept the financial reports, 2nd by Paul B., all in favor.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Parish House Rental Agreement
 - i. New rental agreement went into effect January 1, 2026, with automatic renewal.
 - ii. Monthly rent is \$950.00.
 - b. Foundation Work
 - i. Quote received from Demko Concrete for foundation repairs, not to exceed \$4,800.00.
 - ii. Father Alex reviewed the quote with Council.
 - iii. Motion by Mark M. to use the budgeted Cross Construction funds to pay Demko Concrete and to place the repairs on the work schedule, 2nd by Janet K., all in favor.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Parish Ministries Committee Appointments
 - i. Resolution allows for two appointees to serve on the committee, which will provide joint oversight and report to both councils.

- ii. Ray M. discussed recommendations received from Catherine Mandell, Mike Parks, and Anzen K.
 - iii. Catherine M. and Mike P. were recommended, with consideration that Anzen K. may potentially assume responsibilities currently held by Bill L. in 2026.
 - iv. Mike P. indicated availability for weekend meetings only.
 - v. Motion by Mark M. to appoint Catherine M. and Mike P. to the Parish Ministries Committee, 2nd by Paul B., all in favor.
- b. Accessibility Improvements
 - i. Ray M. discussed exploring temporary aluminum ramps for improved accessibility.
 - ii. Discussion followed regarding concerns about slipping or movement of temporary ramps, as noted by Mary L.
 - iii. Outdoor chairlift options were also discussed, though expected to be more costly.
 - iv. Council agreed to investigate options and obtain quotes by the end of January for further discussion by email.
 - v. Motion by Ray M. to explore temporary ramps and/or a chairlift and obtain quotes by the end of January, 2nd by Janet K., all in favor.
- c. Thermostats
 - i. Thermostats have not yet been installed.
 - ii. Crystal P. will follow up with a local contact and also check with Bloom's in Clearfield regarding installation.

VIII. Good of the Order: Mary L. commented that she appreciates the Council meetings.

IX. Next Meeting — to be scheduled after Pascha.

X. Closing Prayer: "It is Truly Meet"

*Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Mark Mandell*