

# Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Location:** SS Peter & Paul Eastern Orthodox Church Phoenix, AZ

**Present:** Archbishop BENJAMIN, Archpriest Ian MacKinnon, Archpriest Matthew Tate, Archpriest Basil Rhodes, Archpriest John Dresko, Archpriest Lawrence Russell, Archpriest John Pierce, Archpriest Anthony Karbo, Archpriest Michael Anderson, Archpriest Lawrence Margitich, Priest Andrew Cuneo, Priest Damian Kuolt, Dn Antony Dyl, Dn George Shumaik, Sdn Johann Morse, Sdn Wesley J Smith, Sdn Paul Pilipenko, Dorothy Nowik, Mary Caetta.

**Guests:** Andrew Smith, Michael Miller

The meeting of the Diocesan Council began at 3 PM with the singing of “O Heavenly King”

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as received.

## **Officers for the Diocesan Assembly:**

The following slate of officers for the assembly were accepted:

Chairs: Sdn Wesley J Smith for the first day, Dorothy Nowik for the second day

Tellers: Archpriest Matthew Tate

Parliamentarian: Dn Antony Dyl

Secretaries: Andrew Smith (Lay Delegate) and Fr Damian Kuolt (Clergy)

## **Financial report (Mary Caetta):**

Mary reported that we are ready to close LGS (Life-Giving Spring) as a corporation. All debt to the Diocese and Home of Mercy has been folded into a new corporation, LGS Holding LLC. The Diocese has 40 percent equity and Home of Mercy has 60 percent. Mary reports all other financial matters are in good shape. She did add that she would be transitioning the accounting to an online version of Quickbooks for easier delegation of treasurer work.

## **Life Giving Spring (Archpriest John Dresko):**

The property and situation is a mess. Foreclosure took place three weeks ago. The Diocese bid \$750,000.00 in the hopes of luring interested parties to make their own bids – but there were no other offers, therefore the property reverts back to the Diocese. However, the property has yet to transfer, though the Diocese will get insurance as soon as the deed is processed.

## **Elections:**

Ivan Pouschine's lay spot needs to be filled (being absent for the assembly, he cannot run). Archpriest John Pierce nominated Lynell Brunswig for the position. All other open positions will see the incumbents re-run.

**Proportional Giving Committee:**

Archpriest Matthew Tate opened with addressing common concerns with the proposal. After much discussion, Archpriest Matthew Tate made a motion that the DOW retain the current system for the 2015 year. Archpriests Matthew Tate and John Dresko would spend the time from now until the next assembly educating parishes on the proposal. Motion passed.

**2015 Budget:**

Dorothy Nowik passed out a hardcopy of the financial policy document on the DOW website. The outside auditor says the amendments must be approved. Archpriest John Dresko moved to accept. It passed unanimously.

Ms Nowik directed the council's attention to the below line items in the budget:

Line 49 "Dean's Stipends" remains the same except for an additional \$2,400.00 for Fr Daniel (Brum)

Line 94 corresponds to Bishop David's visit

Line 150 is increased as Fr Lawrence will be doing more with music

Line 162 was added for ordination/consecration expenses.

Archpriest John Dresko noted that the OCA proportion of the budget will have to be recalculated as a head tax (\$90) to the Central Administration as a result of the tabling of the tithing proposal.

Lines 106-110 (budget for deanery activities) is reduced because the money was not fully utilized in 2014.

Archpriest John Dresko moved that the budget be presented to the assembly for approval. Passed.

**Close:** The Diocesan Council meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM with the recitation of "It Is Truly Meet...".