

Minutes
Diocesan Council Meeting
March 23, 2010
Holy Trinity Cathedral, S.F.

Open: 10:30a.m. - "O Heavenly King..."

Minutes of previous meeting:

- clarification/correction - need to attach formal declaration of housing allowance for Fr. Matthew Tate and His Grace.
- spelling correction, "Fr. John Chakos"
- Minutes approved.

Bishop's Report:

- Diocese of Midwest Episcopal vacancy - in process
- Mat. Paulette Hirsch falling asleep in the Lord
- Mat. Jeanette Seamore - hospitalized, serious condition
- Transfers:
 - Fr. David Lowell to Holy Transfiguration, Denver
 - Fr. Michael Boyle (Serbian diocese), new chaplain for Raphael House, S.F.
 - Fr Sergius Gerken requests transfer to Sitka, AK, leaving need for resident chaplain at Calistoga Monastery
- Monasteries: "stable and strong" in diocese; need prep. monastics for ordination to serve in monasteries
- St. Tikhon's - ongoing special investigation, reports available on-line
- Parishes: Ashland in need of priest

- Missions
 - Hemmit, CA request for mission
 - Kazan Church, Moscow Patriarchate (San Diego), requests to be received into Diocese
 - Camp Pendelton chapel to establish mission off-base (Oceanside, CA)
 - Santa Maria - Building new temple

- Chancery: Elias to NY, Fr. Barnabas (Day) in residence
- Bishop's travels: Guatamala, Russia, Alaska
- update on Chambassy: effort to bring order to Orthodoxy around world in "non-Orth. Territories"; OCA included in exec. Committee; Episcopal Assembly forthcoming
- OCA Synod: meeting often, good relationships; several dioceses open - NY/NJ (Dahulich), AK (Fr. Gerasim), South, Midwest, Bulgarian

Treasurer Report:

- sent out via email
- updates: delinquent receivables down

- 47 of 52 parish reports received
- DPA comp. sent to parishes
- \$13K owed in assessments
- LGS continuing expense of approx. \$2K/mo., possible loss when sells
- Pt. Reyes assets - low return, but safe investments

Old Business:

- Monastery Chapels: Manton done, Santa Paula
- Diocesan Communications: ever need for articles, photos, send to Fr. John Dresko
- 2010 Diocesan Assembly: St. John's, Poway, Oct. 19-21
 - strategic plan for OCA in prep for AAC
 - Fr. John Erickson to speak on "The OCA"
 - possible to change dates toward the end of week?
- Parish and Clergy Screening/ Background checks: 100% compliance
- Diocesan Loan Program: agreed upon business plan, seek funding, grants/gifts
- Synaxis Corp.: update lease, by-laws
- Finance Committee Items: charter sent out, Moved: accept charter (Mary Caetta), 2nd Fr. John Dresko, passed; budget requests by end of July; budget item - background checks
- Life Giving Spring: Moved - borrow \$14K from Pt. Reyes funds (Dimitri S.), 2nd, Fr. John Dresko, passed
- Diocesan Bylaws discussions: Deans as voting members requires By-laws change, present change for upcoming Diocesan Assembly; discussion on Metr. Council Delegate terms, lengthen terms requires By-laws change as well
- Metropolitan Council: 2009 financial surplus, projected surplus for '10; 1/3 council membership turns over, meets 2/year = difficult continuity in council; good working relationship; working to define role and responsibility of CCA
- Deanery Camps:
 - RMD - Aug. 1-4
 - PC - Aug. 4-10
- Status of Diocesan Loans:
 - Merced: handout presented
 - Manton: paying regularly
 - Calistoga: paid
 - Culver City: paid past due assessments,
 - Tempe: nothing received

New Business:

- Appeals: next during Ss. Peter and Paul fast
- AAC: His Grace to chair preconiliar commission; 2011 Diocesan Assembly in conjunction with AAC (held day prior)
- Deacon Workshop: Pacific Northwest
- Pension Fund: Propose to correct inequity in Pension (Fr. John Dresko), 2nd Fr. - Michael Anderson; discussion, passed

- Seminary visitations: Fr. Matthew Tate, Fr. John Pierce (report distributed)
- Request: Fr. James McKee requests that stipend be designated “housing”, Move: Fr. Ian, 2nd Fr. Christopher Swanson

Next Meeting:

June 23rd or 24th (?)