

Minutes
Diocesan Council Meeting
June 24, 2010
Holy Trinity Cathedral, S.F.

Members/Deans present:

His Grace, Bp. Benjamin; Archpriest Ian MacKinnon, Chancellor: Nadine Wood, Secretary; Mary Caetta, Treasurer; Archpriests David Brum, John Dresko, Matthew Tate; Priests Michael Anderson, John Strickland, Christopher Swanson, Sub-deacons Paul Pilipenko and Dmitri Solodow; Dorothy Nowick and Ivan Pourchine

Guests: John Cheevers – Merced, CA

Open: 10:30a.m. - “O Heavenly King...”

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Minutes approved.

Bishop’s Report:

- Continues to visit in the Diocese of the West and Alaska
- Spoke about Episcopal Assembly in Chambassy
- Spoke about participation at “Church Management” in Vilanova

Chancellor’s Report:

- Welcome Ivan Pourchine who is replacing Gary Hart who is unable to continue
- Welcome John Cheevers from Merced, CA
- Memory Eternal to Father Kyrill
- Archpriest Matthew Tate sudden loss of hearing

Treasurer Report:

- reviewed May financial summary
- Financial reports needed from Eureka, Christ the Savior and Santa Barbara for final compilation of DPA
- LGS continues to add to the expenses. Tax penalty forgiven – pay only interest.
- sent questionnaire to parishes requesting treasurer information for 2011
10 responses received
- begin looking into cost of receiving assessment payments on line
- working with Lynelle Brunswieg a parishioner in the Tacoma parish to provide assistance to Mary.

***Motion:** Archpriest John Dresko moved, seconded by Dorothy Nowick to add Lynelle Brunswieg as signatory on Diocesan Checking Accounts for emergencies. So moved.*

- Santa Rosa raised funds for paying Fr. Andrew (interim priest) Mary needs authorization to pay from restricted funds.

*Motion: Subdeacon Dmitri Solodow moved, seconded by Priest Christopher Swanson to authorize the Treasurer to spend designated funds to pay housing allowance of \$1800.00 monthly to Father Andrew. Mission fund to subsidize also.
So moved.*

Old Business:

- Merced – John Cheevers distributed written report (attached). Discussion followed.
- Monastery Chapels: construction at Santa Barbara Monastery moving along
- Diocesan Communications: “limping along” - two problems – design and content. Fr John will email clergy to send E-posts to Fr John. Cost for redesign and how it will look will be presented at next meeting.
- 2011 AAC to be held in Bellevue, WA. Oct 30 to Nov 4.
Tours to Alaska
Romanian, Alaskan, Mexican participation
Divine Liturgy celebrated every day
- 2010 Diocesan Assembly: St. John’s, Poway, Oct. 19-21
Strategic Plan presentation
Diocesan response to Strategic Plan
Diocesan Council Meeting Oct. 19
Budget
Elections
By-laws – Review recommended changes
- Diocesan Charities – No Report
- Raphael Houses (Archpriest Matthew Tate): New Executive Director is needed for the SF Raphael House
- Parish & Clergy Screening/Background Checks/OCA Requirement (Bishop Benjamin): 2 parishes (Anza Street & Fremont) are not in compliance. Barry is working with the Rectors to submit the necessary paperwork.
- Diocesan Loan Program: Dmitri Solodow spoke in the absence of John Della Monica and Peter Schwalenberg. – currently at the fund raising stage of program
- Synaxis Corp.: By-laws have been approved and accepted.
- Finance Committee Items/Recommendations: Meeting will be held in August. Expenses for the AAC are in the 2011 budget.
- Life Giving Spring: discussed in Treasurer’s Report.
- Audit Committee/Recommendations: External Audit will be held in July.
- Diocesan Bylaws discussions: Written recommendation to be submitted
- Metropolitan Council/Strategic Planning (Dmitri Solodow):
 - Archpriest Matthew Tate and Mary Caetta met with OCA Treasurer & Diocese of South Representative. New method of funding presentation at the AAC. Presentation will be given at Diocesan Assembly in October.
 - Version 4.6 of Strategic Plan will be sent to all Diocesan Assemblies to discuss
 - Adopting Pilot Programs feedback will go into next draft to be presented to the Holy Synod and Metropolitan Council
- Deanery Camps: Priest Michael Anderson to fund

New Business:

- Specific Parish Discussions: Tabled
- Diocesan By-Laws – Discussed above
- Appeals: Nativity Appeal is next
- Upcoming Retreats & Workshops: Diaconal workshop for liturgies
 Continuing education for Clergy
 Pastoral concerns
 Suicide
 Cremation
 Miscarriage
- New Clergy to Diocese: Priest Andrew Cuneo – Intern at Santa Rosa
 Priest Michael Boyle – Chaplain at Raphael House
 Priest Konstantin (?) - Anza Street
 Priest Roman Katyshev from St. Petersburg - Berkley
 Priest David Lowell – Denver
 Priest George Elliott – Andersonville, CA (Serbian)
 HVM – Pastoral change
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Next Meeting:

October 19, 2010 in Paway

Archpriest John Dresko moved to adjourn at 2:35 PM