

Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 2005
Glen Eyrie Conference Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with prayer and His Grace Bishop TIKHON'S blessing.

Diocesan Council Members Present: His Grace, Bishop TIKHON, His Grace, Bishop BENJAMIN, Vicar Bishop and Chancellor; Archpriest Ian McKinnon, Vice-Chancellor; Nadine Wood, Secretary; Mary Caetta, Treasurer; Archpriests Joseph Hirsch and Matthew Tate; Priests David Lowell and Lawrence Margitich; Dmitri Solodow, Steve Knowlton and Johann Morse.

Members Absent: Archpriests John Pierce and Michael Senyo

Deans Present: Archpriests Bazyl Kalinowski, Lawrence Russell, Matthew Tate, and Basil Rhodes

Guests: Protopresbyter Rodion Kondratich, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, and Andre Paez, Auditor of the Diocese of the West

Minutes of the June 2, 2005 Meeting: Minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

- Chancellor' Report: Second bullet to include St. Tikhon's Seminary
Eighth, ninth and tenth bullets to correct spelling of Fr. 'Barnabas'
Thirteenth bullet to correct spelling of George 'Artemoff'
- Steiner Street Property: Motion – "That the Chancellor's Advisory Committee...to make an offer subject..." changed to: "That the Chancellor's Advisory Committee...to submit a letter of interest..."
- Matushki Retreat: Motion – The motion was seconded by Archpriest Matthew Tate.

Bishop TIKHON'S Address:

His Grace Bishop TIKHON expressed his disappointment at being absent from the last Diocesan Council Meeting. He also expressed his thanks to Bishop BENJAMIN for fulfilling his responsibilities as Auxiliary Bishop (and more) and for "being obedient with his heart". His Grace spoke about clergy compensation and suggested that all clergy in the DOW be enrolled in the OCA Insurance Plan to ensure adequate insurance. His Grace informed the members of the Council that Father Victor Sokolov's health is not good. Discussion about the possibility of developing a fund to assist clergy demonstrating a hardship to pay the insurance deductible followed.

Proposed 2006 Budget:

The proposed budget was reviewed and the following changes were made:

- Line 15 Increases to \$42,000.
- Line 41 Change to \$14,750.80 (incorrect addition)
- Line 43 Change to \$31,504.44 (incorrect addition)
- Line 50 Change to \$148,078.27 (incorrect addition)
- Line 134 Increase to \$1500.00 (Fr. Basil Rhodes)
- Line 139 Change to \$3,900.00
- Line 141 Delete
- Line 154 Change to \$84,700.00
- Line 156 Change to (\$1899.51)

It was unanimously agreed to present a deficit budget to the Assembly.

Nominating Committee Report:

Archpriest Matthew Tate presented the following with the blessing of His Grace Bishop TIKHON:

Clergy Delegates: Archpriest Lawrence Margitich and Priest John Strickland
Lay Delegates: Nadine Wood and Carol Shumaik
Auditors: Vit Ekersdorff, Andre Paez and Archpriest Michael Regan

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor

General Comments:

St. Barbara's Monastery has requested to use the diocesan mailing list to ask for funds...the Council agreed to allow St. Barbara's Monastery to use the diocesan mailing list as a one-time appeal.

Johann Morse read a letter from the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Cathedral requesting financial assistance for the Sokolov family to be presented at the Assembly. His Grace Bishop TIKHON gave his blessing.

His Grace Bishop BENJAMIN informed the Council that he will be moving most of the Chancellor's operations to San Francisco and that the best means of contacting him will be his cell phone. He suggested that the phone service at LGS be cancelled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Archpriest Joseph Hirsch, seconded by Archpriest Matthew Tate.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine M Wood

Nadine Wood,
Secretary