

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 2, 2006
Life Giving Spring Retreat Center, Boulder City, Nevada

Diocesan Council members present: His Grace, Bishop BENJAMIN, Auxiliary Bishop and Chancellor; Archpriest Ian MacKinnon, Vice-Chancellor; Nadine Wood, Secretary; Mary Caetta, Treasurer; Archpriests Joseph Hirsch and Matthew Tate; Priests David Lowell, John Strickland; Johann Morse, Dmitri Solodow and Carole Shumaik.

Deans present: Archpriests Bazyl Kalinowski, Basil Rhodes, Lawrence Russell

Minutes of the September 5, 2006 Meeting

The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

Proposed 2007 Budget:

Mary Caetta spoke on the proposed budget:

The following recommendations were made by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee:

- Line 98: Add \$7000. to the "Perception Committee" within the department.
- Line 102: \$10,300. Reserve for Chancery
- Line 121: \$4200. Charities
- Line 122: \$1000. Department of Music
- Line 123: Matushki Acitivities: Remove from budget and place in a fund
- Line 124: \$2000. and Change name from "Department of Education" to "Department of Liturgical Education" for the purpose of including further education for deacons, sub-deacons, choir directors, etc.

Discussion followed.

Archpriest Joseph Hirsch suggested an appeal letter be sent in early November (pre-Thanksgiving). He further suggested that a Nativity appeal letter be sent. Mary requested assistance with the mailing. Carole Shumaik offered to assist Mary.

His Grace, Bishop BENJAMIN reported the deans were concerned the budget for youth activities remains the same in the 2007 budget. The concern was also expressed about what has been known as "perception" in our diocese. Communication within the diocese about what the diocese is doing is very important and may impact funding. Father David Lowell suggested that the publication of the Vision be moved to San Francisco. His Grace Bishop BENJAMIN offered to obtain articles for the publication. His Grace requested that Dmitri Solodow be editor of the website.

Father Joseph Hirsch informed the council that in 1988 he wrote two articles, "*What is the Diocese?*" and "*What Does the Diocese Do?*" He suggested these articles be found and updated for inclusion in future publications of the Vision.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE NEW HIERARCH

It was suggested, with His Beatitude's blessing, a one day Diocesan Assembly might be held in February or March and that, given the additional expense connected with such a

special assembly, an enthronement might be scheduled to take place in connection with the Diocesan Assembly in October.

MOTIONS

Archpriest Matthew Tate moved that monies not used for Legal Fees be put into a Legal Fund. Second: Dmitri Solodow. Passed unanimously.

Archpriest Matthew Tate moved that any unspent monies in the Diocesan Chancery line item in this year's budget be put into a fund. Second: Archpriest Ian MacKinnon. Passed unanimously.

Archpriest Matthew Tate moved that the unspent monies in this year's budget for Matushki be put into a Matushki Fund. Second: Dmitri Solodow. Passed unanimously.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The following will be presented to His Grace Bishop Tikhon for appointment:

Secretariat: Archpriest David Brum and Nadine Wood
Tellers: Priest Peter Henry, Archpriest Lawrence Russell, Priest John Strickland and Dorothy Nowick

Archpriest Matthew Tate reported the following nominations have been made:

Clergy: Archpriest David Brum, Anthony Karbo and John Mancantelli
Lay: Dmitri Solodow, Johann Morse and Dorothy Nowick
Metropolitan Council: Priest Ivan Pouschine and Mary Caetta

Archpriest Joseph Hirsch moved that the amendment to the Diocesan by-laws be withdrawn this year and that it be considered for possible resubmission next year. Second: Mary Caetta. Passed unanimously.

Johann Morse requested that he be permitted to speak to the Assembly with regard to the generous response of the Diocese to his request for financial aid for the Sokolov family at last year's assembly.

The next meeting of the Diocesan council will be held on Wednesday, October 4 following the Diocesan Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine M. Wood

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Secretary