

ARCHDIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
12 SEPTEMBER 2011

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Council took place at the Cranberry Twp. Archdiocesan Center on September 12, 2011. His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:21 PM.

The following members of the Archdiocesan Council were present for the meeting in addition to the hierarchy: Archpriests/Priests P. Ziatyk (*Chancellor*), Igumen Patrick [Carpenter], W. Evansky (*Secretary*), D. Hendershot (*Treasurer*), G. Johnson, J. Kopcha, M. Meholick, J. Wargo, G. Yatsko, M. Zahirsky; Subdcn. John Schultz; Mesdames R. Danchenko and L. Nester; Messrs. G. Avdakov, S. Daniels, G. Nescott, G. Sidorick, N. Sidorick. Also present for the first part of the meeting were Mr. Charles Driscoll and other members of the F.N.B. Wealth Management investment team.

1. The meeting began with a special 40-minute presentation by the F.N.B. Wealth Management investment team led by Mr. Charles Driscoll. Company literature was presented to each member of the council in addition to hearing a presentation from various company representatives in their respective areas of expertise. The council was reminded of the basic question -- to decide the level of risk tolerance for our investments in a balanced investment portfolio. The management fee was revealed as being 1%, although they would agree to donate 10% of this percentage back to the Archdiocese in some form.

The F.N.B. representatives then left the meeting with an in-depth discussion concerning the investment issue occurring among the council representatives. A primary focus of the discussion was comparing the F.N.B. proposal to that made at an earlier meeting by B.P.V. to the special investment committee. The following *motion* was eventually the outcome (*G. Nescott/ Fr. J. Wargo*):

I move that the Archdiocesan Council authorize the investment of the approximately 1.2 million dollars in Archdiocesan funds with either F.N.B. Wealth Management or B.P.U. Investment Management, or split between both, and that the Diocesan Investment Committee named by His Grace tonight study and compare any proposal from F.N.B. and B.P.V., and make a recommendation to the Archdiocesan Council as to how these funds shall be allocated - to F.N.B., B.P.U., or split between both - and disseminate that recommendation to the Archdiocesan Council in writing or by email, and that the Archdiocesan Council authorize today the taking of a vote on the Investment Committee's recommendation by email sent by the secretary with all Archdiocesan Council members given an opportunity to vote, and that a majority vote of the Archdiocesan Council as currently constituted be required for passage.

(Motion passed with all affirmative votes excluding one negative.)

2. A *motion* was made (*Igumen Patrick [Carpenter]/ Fr. M. Zahirsky*) to waive the reading of the previously disseminated council minutes from June 20, 2011, and approve them as submitted by the secretary. (*Motion passed unanimously.*)

3. Fr. D. Hendershot distributed printed copies of the latest financial reports available for the Archdiocese with a brief discussion following. As a discussion began about the proposed budget that was also distributed, a concern was raised regarding the format of the January to December budget as outlined. The specific concern was that a motion was passed in a recent Archdiocesan Assembly to change this format. It was decided to proceed with discussion/approval of the budget presented with Fr. Hendershot noting he would re-format and distribute this document to the council members if necessary. [*Secretary's note: no such motion was found documented in the approved Archdiocesan Assembly minutes dating back to 2007 after a review following this meeting.*] Following an in-depth review of the budget line items, a

motion (Igumen Patrick [Carpenter]/ G. Avdakov) was made to accept the budget as presented and present it to the 2011 Archdiocesan Assembly for consideration. (Motion passed unanimously.)

Also discussed were funding sources. A proposal was discussed to possibly increase the assessment while eliminating the various appeals made throughout the year to fund the Archdiocesan budget. It was decided after much discussion to present the concept to the 2011 Archdiocesan Assembly delegates with no anticipation of a vote since much discernment will be necessary to have it embraced warmly locally in each parish/deanery. It was noted that the budget includes a \$2,500 line-item for “parish development” which could be used to develop an “education program” to the parishes within our various deaneries in anticipation of implementing this funding method in the future.

4. In answer to a question raised, the icon mosaic placement at the pavilion is still being researched. The contractor (Tom Losk) took measurements and progress will need to be monitored concerning the mounting. Fr. Ziatyk will continue to guide this process.

5. The question of Bishop Melchisedek’s health insurance options was raised. Dr. J. Schultz will lead a discussion on this subject when the Archdiocesan Council meets early in 2012 since January through March is the Medicare enrollment period for a July enrollment start annually.

6. His Grace discussed various O.C.A. issues - including his status as Interim O.C.A. Chancellor, All-American Council agenda items of concern, and others. It was mentioned that there are six candidates (potentially) to be interviewed for the chancellorship which His Grace hopes to “exit” by the time of the All-American Council in Seattle. He also noted his health is slowly, but surely, returning to normal after his recent extended surgical recuperative period.

7. Fr. Ziatyk reminded everyone that quite a few parishes have yet to submit the new 2011-2012 census form. He reminded everyone that this is due no later than September 15, 2011. The Chancellor also announced that the Archdiocesan Assembly would be held at the St. Nicholas parish (Weirton, WV) on November 12, 2011. Materials for this Assembly will be mailed shortly, including the proposed budget approved at this meeting. He also reviewed the status of the Stewardship Appeal and other items of interest in the life of the Archdiocese.

8. It was then agreed that the next meeting of the Archdiocesan Council would be scheduled to be held in the Cranberry Twp. Center on December 1, 2011 (6:30 PM). December 8, 2011, would be the alternate date should inclement weather prevent the December 1 date from being feasible.

9. The meeting closed with prayer at 9:49 PM after a *motion* to adjourn was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

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Very Rev. William Evansky
Secretary

Approved:

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The Right Rev. Melchisedek
Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western PA

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Very Rev. Paul Ziatyk
Chancellor