

ARCHDIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5 March 2012

Protocol Number 12-111

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Council took place at the Cranberry Twp. Archdiocesan Center on March 5, 2012. His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:30PM.

The following members of the Archdiocesan Council were present for the meeting in addition to the hierarch: Archpriests/Priests P. Ziatyk (*Chancellor*), Igumen Patrick [Carpenter], W. Evansky (*Secretary*), D. Hendershot (*Treasurer*), G. Johnson, J. Kopcha, M. Meholick, M. Senyo, G. Thompson, J. Wargo, G. York; Ms. R. Danchenko; Subdeacons J. Schultz and B. Truckley; Messrs. G. Avdakov, S. Daniels, G. Nescott, G. Sidorick, N. Sidorick. Also present - Barry Migyanko as an observer.

1. A *motion* was made (Fr. M. Senyo), and seconded, to dispense with the reading of the December 1, 2011, meeting minutes and approve the minutes as submitted by the secretary. (*Passed unanimously*)

2. His Grace reported briefly on his recent activities as hierarch, noting that his travels outside of the boundaries of the Archdiocese should now be limited to routine meetings since his other responsibilities have ended on the national O.C.A. level.

3. A discussion was held concerning the terms of employment for Barry Migyanko as administrative assistant to the diocesan hierarch. It was noted that the package is to include 6% retirement, social security, a work week of approximately 40-hours (with weekday days-off in compensation for weekend duties), no health benefits included since it is not required, and he will be considered as an employee, not self-employed. A *motion* to approve the following terms was made by Fr. M. Senyo, and seconded:

* Salary:	\$20,500.00
* Housing:	\$ 8,000.00
* Retirement:	\$ 1,230.00
* Social Security:	\$ 2,137.50
TOTAL:	\$31,867.50

(*Passed unanimously*)

3. After a brief discussion concerning a required action omission, a *motion* was made (Igumen Patrick (Carpenter)), and seconded, for the Archdiocesan Council to officially hire Barry Migyanko as Administrative Assistant to His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek. After a brief discussion (including a request that the Archdiocesan Council be provided a written job description at the next meeting), the motion *passed unanimously*. Barry Migyanko was formally introduced to the council members and entertained questions from those present.

4. Fr. Dennis Hendershot submitted a written treasurer's report and engaged those present in discussion. One item discussed at length was the special charity payments for health insurance coverage being provided to someone within the boundaries of the diocese. Noting that ongoing expenses have exceeded donations and that budget funds are now being expended, it was decided His Grace will soon clarify the situation with the recipient and update the council soon since all agreed that an open-ended coverage situation that began in spring 2011 is not tenable for the Archdiocese.

5. Gregg Nescott gave an update concerning the church development program. Gregg spoke with Joseph Kormos in Cincinnati with Mr. Kormos expressing interest in working with the Pittsburgh Archdiocese. Materials from the O.C.A. Midwest Diocese as well as the Diocese of New England were disseminated and discussed, with Gregg Nescott also emailing further information soon. [*Secretarial note: this was done by the secretary on March 9, 2012.*] Modest expenses for travel, lodging, and meals for Mr. Kormos were discussed as well as a donation to the Diocese of the Midwest since Mr. Kormos is an employee of that diocese. Two or three diocesan meetings were proposed to introduce our clergy and laity to this program with the intention of picking a small group of parishes to initially be introduced to the development program. The following individuals present responded to His Grace's request for

volunteers to serve as an implementation committee to meet soon with His Grace to introduce the church development process to the Archdiocese: Igumen Patrick (Carpenter), Frs. W. Evansky, M. Senyo, G. Thompson, J. Wargo, and G. York. G. Nescott will contact Mr. Kormos to establish possible meeting dates over the next few months (after the Holy Pascha).

6. His Grace then discussed the forty Liturgies in forty days project. Having first been discussed at the 2011 Archdiocesan Assembly, His Grace has assigned Fr. M. Senyo to coordinate the start-up. A letter from His Grace will be sent to each of the parishes and clergy of the Archdiocese soon. The goal is to have a Liturgy served in one of the Archdiocesan parishes each day during this forty day stretch. This will rotate between the five deaneries with each dean assigning the parish at his discretion. The faithful will be invited to submit names of the both the living and the deceased who will be mentioned at each service during the forty days. The forty days will begin prior to the Saints Peter and Paul Fast, with the final Liturgy being celebrated on the Holyday of Ss. Peter and Paul. The project may be repeated during the Nativity Fast as well. Consensus reached by the council is that the letter should specifically state that there is no required "charge" for requesting the names mentioned in prayer and, furthermore, state that the free will donations received will be reserved specifically for outreach and charity work, not support of the diocesan budget per se.

7. All Archdiocesan Council members were encouraged to attend the Archdiocesan Lenten Vespers being held at the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral on March 18 (5 PM).

8. A review of the St. Michael (Reed St.) property in Pittsburgh stated that the FOCUS Pittsburgh organization has still not submitted a formal bid concerning usage of the site. Deep concern was expressed concerning the status of the property with the City of Pittsburgh since it has been dormant for such an extended time. Igumen Patrick (Carpenter) was instructed to contact both local FOCUS head Paul Abernathy and national director Nicholas Chakos, giving them a March 31, 2012, deadline to submit this information. It was also decided to entertain formal bids for demolition during this time period as well.

9. The next meeting was set at the Cranberry Twp. center for *April 23, 2012 - 6:30 PM*.

10. The meeting ended with prayer at 8:55 PM.

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