

ARCHDIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

9 JULY 2012

Protocol Number 12-140

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Council took place at the Cranberry Twp. Archdiocesan Center on July 9, 2012. His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:30 PM.

The following members of the Archdiocesan Council were present for the meeting in addition to the diocesan hierarchy: Chancellor Archpriest Paul Ziatyk; Archpriests/Priests Igumen Patrick [Carpenter], W. Evansky (*Secretary*), J. Kopcha, M. Meholick, M. Senyo, G. Thompson, J. Wargo; Ms. R. Danchenko; Subdeacon Basil Truckley; Messrs. G. Avdakov, S. Daniels, G. Nescott, G. Sidorick, N. Sidorick. Observer: Administrative Assistant B. Migyanko.

1. A *motion* was made (S. Daniels) and seconded, to dispense with the reading of the May 14, 2012, meeting minutes and approve the minutes as previously emailed by the Secretary. (*Passed unanimously*)
2. A *motion* was made (Fr. M. Senyo), and seconded, for the Council to go into executive session for private discussion. (*No opposition*)
3. A *motion* was made (G. Nescott), and seconded, to end the executive session and return to the normal course of business for the meeting. (*No opposition*)
4. The written treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed since Fr. D. Hendershot, Archdiocesan Treasurer, was unable to be present for the meeting. A *motion* was made (Igumen Patrick [Carpenter]), and seconded, to accept the report as submitted. (*Passed unanimously*)
5. The following items were then mentioned by His Grace:
 - A. Fr. J. Govrusik, having not retired, is still serving his assigned parishes, rejecting assistance serving the Divine Services at the moment;
 - B. Protodeacon Lawrence Daniels was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace on July 8, 2012. Fr. Daniels is assigned to the Jeannette parish;
 - C. The fifth anniversary of repose in the Lord by Archbishop Kyrill was observed at his gravesite at the Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration (Ellwood City) on June 17, 2012. Also, ground was broken following the service for the addition to the monastery;
 - D. Dn. N. Breckenridge was accepted into the Archdiocese; he is attached to the St. Basil Chapel, Cranberry;
 - E. His Grace attended the various services for the repose of Metropolitan Constantine in Pittsburgh; His Grace and our clergy served a Trisagion Service as well;
 - F. The full Holy Synod met in the Rives Junction monastery;
 - G. An update was given on the legal situation concerning a priest of the Archdiocese currently suspended with pay due to a pending criminal court case;
 - H. The forty-Liturgies in forty days effort was reviewed; comments included possibly doing it again during the Nativity Fast; problems with duplication of names was noted; extraneous names should be expunged; names should be gathered much sooner; a review of the distribution process should be undertaken before the next cycle begins; parish priests need to be more involved coordinating this locally.

6. It was noted by Chancellor Fr. P. Ziatyk that the Matushka residing in the Johnstown Deanery currently receiving medical insurance assistance has had both operations required; the insurance premium is paid through August 2012; the Archdiocesan assistance will end September 1, 2012.

7. On the recommendation of the Parish Development Committee, it was decided by consensus that the full Archdiocesan Council will meet on September 17, 2012, 6:30 PM. This special meeting will be devoted exclusively to interaction with Mr. Joseph Kormos who will outline his program. The Parish Development Committee will meet that same day with Mr. Kormos for a preliminary meeting at 3:30 PM at the Cranberry Center as well.

8. It was decided by consensus that the full Archdiocesan Council will meet on October 1, 2012, 6:30 PM, for consideration of the Archdiocesan budget to be presented for adoption at the Archdiocesan Assembly on November 10, 2012, being held in the McKees Rocks parish. (A meeting of the Budget Committee will be scheduled during August to prepare a preliminary budget.) This October 1 meeting will also include a regular business agenda as well, not exclusively dealing with budget.

9. Fr. John Parker, the newly appointed O.C.A. Department of Evangelization Director, will briefly address the faithful at the August 19, 2012, Archdiocesan Family Day event. He will then meet with the clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday, August 20, 2012 (10 AM) at the Cranberry Center for a presentation on this subject.

10. Progress by the Incorporation/By-Laws Sub-Committee has been put on hold until later in the fall of 2012. G. Nescott has obtained a copy of the O.C.A. Diocese of the South By-Laws and is waiting to receive the Mid-West Diocese's new By-Laws as well for comparison.

11. An in-depth, spirited discussion then took place as the Long-Range Planning Sub-Committee gave a report by Fr. M. Senyo and Sbd. B. Truckley. The preliminary report mentioned that some major expenses may be needed to repair/replace the house's roof as well as some other potential projects including renovation of the basement meeting space, repair of the driveway, removal of dying trees, and others. Questions were raised concerning the age of the roof and if there was still a guarantee. Fr. Pitirim will be approached to see if he can shed any light on when this roof installation occurred. Also, preliminary contact was made with a local qualified individual to estimate a fair selling price for the property to use as comparison benchmark. This will need to be further explored much further in-depth. Finally, a spirited discussion ensued concerning apparent communication problems within this sub-committee and how they can be rectified in the future so that all sub-committee members are acting in concert, having an opportunity to give their input as elected Council members.

[Post-meeting Secretarial Note: His Grace appointed Fr. M. Senyo as Sub-Committee Chair of the committee comprised of Fr. Senyo, Sbd. B. Truckley, G. Sidorick, N. Sidorick.]

12. This being the final official Archdiocesan Council meeting being attended by Chancellor Fr. P. Ziatyk before retiring from active service on July 16, 2012, a *motion* was made by G. Nescott, and seconded, honoring Fr. Ziatyk's outstanding service to the Holy Church: "Be it moved that this Council expresses its profound gratitude to Archpriest Paul Ziatyk for his tireless efforts over the decades in service to the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA, fulfilling various and diverse roles such as chancellor, pastor, teacher, leader, and fund-raiser, and, furthermore, that this Council fervently prays that God will grant Fr. Paul and Matushka Helen health, happiness, and many years."

(Passed unanimously with a "Many Years" being intoned immediately afterward.)

13. Igumen Patrick [Carpenter) reported nothing new concerning the realtors and the St. Michael's (Reed St.) property in Pittsburgh. Igumen Patrick was authorized to also contact the Tatko Funeral Home that apparently showed some earlier interest in a purchase and report back to this Council at the October 1, 2012, meeting.

14. A *motion* to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM received no opposition. The meeting closed with prayer led by the diocesan hierarch.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

V. Rev. William Evansky
Secretary

Approved:

The Right Rev. Melchisedek
Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania

V. Rev. Paul Ziatyk
Chancellor