

**Diocese of Pittsburgh & Western Pennsylvania**  
**Archdiocesan Council Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Council took place at the Archdiocesan Center (Cranberry Twp., PA) on May 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, by His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek.

**In Attendance:** His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek; Archpriests William Evansky, Michael Senyo, Thomas Soroka, George Johnson, Mark Meholick; Priests Nikolai Breckenridge, Andrew Nelko; Laity: Gregory Sidorick, Alexis Parshook, Gregg Nescott, Nicholas York, Ray Steeb, Rebecca Danchenko.

**Secretarial Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to this meeting. **CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES:** St. Nicholas in Duquesne parish council requested that the parish be closed (Eugena Longcrier). Motion to accept by Nicholas York; seconded by Fr. Mark Meholick; motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Report was distributed electronically. A motion was made to accept the report by Nicholas York; seconded by Ms. Danchenko; motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Estate of Ralph Manning, a bequest of \$20,000 to the Archdiocese.

**Report of the Ruling Bishop:** (Copy filed.)

- Vladyka reported on His travel and parish visitations.
- Holy Synod was held.
- The potential for closing the parish in Duquesne is under discussion. Vladyka reported that the Duquesne parish council has requested to be closed. There is a request to use the building by another denomination. Priest Paul Abernathy has also shown interest in the Church for FOCUS Pittsburgh activities. The Archdiocese is considering to offer \$50,000 to purchase the property.
- Vacancies: Donora, Wolfe Run, Steubenville, West Brownsville, Masontown, State College, Canonsburg, Moundsville.
- Reader John Parker, a graduating seminarian, will be ordained in June for assignment to Donora.
- Educational programs were outlined.

**Report of the Chancellor:**

- Discussed the circumstances in the Duquesne case.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vladyka's consecration to the Episcopacy will be celebrated on June 29 at the Cathedral.
- Discussed investors' advisory meeting.
- Archdiocesan property sale still pending.
- Alexey Kindrich survey was distributed; two parishes did not respond.

**Singer-Cranberry Property:** Master Plan proposal by Mr. Avdakov. Copy filed. Ray Steeb reviewed the site plan. The developer is being held responsible for plans related to the Archdiocesan property which is not being sold. Main concerns are with water and gas lines.

There were questions regarding the pavilion; it is being torn down. This structure will be the responsibility of the purchaser. By consensus of the Archdiocesan Council (not including the bell and the icon), all items related to the pavilion and the pavilion itself will be considered salvage/demolition. Motion made by Gregg Nescott; seconded by Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge; motion passed.

**Master Plan:** Fr. George Johnson requested clarification concerning the costs of staying in the building we shall retain or what costs can be realized through a sale. Mr. Avdakov should provide these figures.

**Reports:**

- Building and Grounds: Report distributed electronically by Deacon Seraphim and filed.
- Youth Committee: No report.
- FOCA: No report.
- Parish Development: Report distributed by Joseph Kormos and filed. Emphasis placed on conference for parish development to be held in Canonsburg.
- Metropolitan Council: Report submitted by Fr. Nikolai and filed. A new Treasurer has been approved for the OCA. Discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of autocephaly and glorification of St. Herman.
- Light of Orthodoxy: Current issue to be distributed over the summer.
- Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy Coordinator: Compliance. Files have been updated.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Family Day: Cancelled. Its purpose will be analyzed. Motion by Fr. Michael Senyo; seconded by Fr. George Johnson.
- Long Range Planning: There was no meeting.
- Social Media Guidelines: No report.

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**New Business:**

- A lay person is needed for the auditing committee.
- Fr. Andrew Nelko spoke on improving relations with our seminarians from the Archdiocese.

The next meeting of the Archdiocesan Council will be on August 12, 2019.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest Michael Senyo, Secretary

Approved for distribution:

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Archbishop Melchisedek

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Archpriest William Evansky