

**Diocese of Pittsburgh & Western Pennsylvania**  
**Archdiocesan Council Meeting**  
**August 12, 2019**

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Council took place at the Archdiocesan Center (Cranberry Twp., PA) on August 12, 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; Mark Meholic, Thomas Soroka; George Johnson; Priests Nikolai Breckenridge, and Andrew Nelko; Laity: Alexis Parshook, Gregg Nescott, Nicholas York, Ray Steeb, Rebecca Danchenko, Serge Daniels; Guests Deacon Alexander Cadman, Priest David Smith.

**Secretarial Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to this meeting. CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES: Mr. Avdakov's name was removed from the item regarding "Master Plan". This refers only to the Singer Property plan. Motion to accept by Nicholas York; seconded by Fr. Andrew Nelko; motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Report was distributed electronically and filed. \$17,512 cash on hand. A motion was made to accept the report by Fr. William Evansky; seconded by Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge; motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Budget 2020:** 2020 anticipated income: \$378,295.00

- Archpriest George Johnson was appointed to work with Vladyka, together with Ray Steeb, to create a structured endowment fund.
- Ray Steeb and Gregg Nescott expressed concern regarding \$95,000 coming out of the investment income to cover general expenses.
- Fr. Nikolai noted that we have not taken income from the investment principle. The investment fund earned \$40,000. Shortfalls require a plan to be normalized and parishes must be required to understand their role in this process and how they can benefit from it. This information should be disseminated at the next assembly, not waiting until the "three year window" expires. Council should present not in terms of "numbers" but as a "vision" for the Archdiocese, and a portion of the budget should be used for this.
- Motion to accept the Budget by Ray Steeb; seconded by Fr. Andrew Nelko. Motion passed.

**Holy Spirit Chapel Expansion Plan:** Priest David Smith and Deacon Alexander Cadman presented information regarding the expansion of the current Chapel. Report is attached. Motion by Fr. Nikolai to accept proposal; seconded by Archpriest George Johnson. Motion passed.

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

- Vladyka reported there were two priestly ordinations: Deacon John Kotalik for Canonsburg and Deacon Michael Sochka, for supply.
- Vladyka is planning a pilgrimage to Italy and Greece.
- Vladyka attended a meeting in Dallas with the Anglican Church of North America.

**Report of the Chancellor:** Report was submitted. There were no questions.

**Cranberry Property:** Property has been surveyed. Boundaries have been delineated.

**House Master Plan:** A complete proposal has not been received despite a payment being made to Mr. Avdakov. Father Chancellor is to request this information from Mr. Avdakov.

**Reports:**

- Building and Grounds: Report distributed electronically by Deacon Seraphim and filed. “Sheds” and garages are being cleared. Bell and mosaic will be moved. Mosaic stored in garage. Bell will go to St. Nicholas in McKees Rocks. There is a problem with storage of mower and gas. Tables and chairs will be offered to parishes on a ‘first come...’ basis. All agreed on this idea. Gregg Nescott moved to purchase a Mennonite shed for the property. Seconded by Ray Steeb. Motion passed.
- Youth Committee: No report.
- FOCA: No report. It was noted that there is low registration for the forthcoming convention in Columbus, Ohio.
- Parish Development: Report was provided on conference for parish development, which was held in Canonsburg.
- Metropolitan Council: Fr. Thomas requested that clergy advocating homosexuality be disciplined.
- Light of Orthodoxy: issue forthcoming.
- Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy Coordinator: Full compliance for active clergy.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Family Day: There is no real interest in reviving Family Day.
- Long Range Planning: There have been no meetings.
- Social Media Guidelines: No report given. Guidelines are on file.
- Internal Audit Vacancy: Nobody has been appointed.

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**New Business:** Archdiocesan Assembly is scheduled to be held in Mingo Junction.

The next meeting of the Archdiocesan Council is tentatively set for February 4, 2020.

*[NOTE: This was subsequently changed to February 10, 2020.]*

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest Michael Senyo, Secretary

Approved for distribution:

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Archbishop Melchisedek

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Archpriest William Evansky