

Diocese of Pittsburgh & Western Pennsylvania
Archdiocesan Council Meeting
August 17, 2020

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Council took place at the Archdiocesan Center (Cranberry Twp., PA) on August 17, 2020. Archbishop Melchisedek called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Physically present: Archbishop Melchisedek; Chancellor, Archpriest Evansky; and Secretary, Archpriest Michael Senyo. Via teleconference: Archpriest Thomas Soroka; Fathers: Nikolai Breckenridge, Andrew Nelko, Stephen Gresh; Treasurer, Alexis Parshook; Greg Ohler, Nicholas York, Greg Sidorick, John Bonifanti, Ray Steeb, and Rebecca Danchenko.

Secretarial Report:

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to this meeting. Fr. Evansky moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Greg Sidorick; motion carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer, Alexis reported withdrawals of \$120,000. Some parishes have requested pardon from assessments for three months due to COVID. Her report was filed with a correction regarding the Boswell property. Motion to accept the report with the correction was made by Nicholas York, seconded by Fr. Gresh; motion carried. The report is on file.

Report of the Ruling Bishop:

His Eminence reported that he spent most of the past few months in quarantine. His schedule of visitations has been revived.

Report of the Chancellor:

Fr. Evansky presented his report. No questions were presented. The report is on file.

Reports:

- Building and Grounds: Fr. Evansky reported. There is great emphasis on needed repairs, including electrical, trees, landscaping, new washer and dryer, etc. The desire is to stay within budgeted projections. Nicholas York moved to do all necessary work with the exception of landscaping. Seconded by Fr. Senyo; motion passed. (Estimated repair figure is \$20,000.)
- Parish Development: Joseph Kormos provided his report, which is on file. He repeated his appeal for better support and attendance.
- Metropolitan Council: Ray Steeb reported.
 - Potential sale of the property in Syosset, NY: The figures for the sale are between \$4 – 6 million. There is a meeting of the Metropolitan Council on August 26 to review the sale. The property may be sold as a “compound” versus a “residence”.
 - Archdiocese of Pittsburgh has requested forgiveness from ½ of the assessments during COVID. These payments may have to be made up, depending on bank advice with regard to PPP.
 - Nicholas York inquired about the archives currently housed at Syosset. An archive site offer has been received. Options also include a new building at the seminary or rent space in DC.
 - Fr. Senyo inquired about the St. Sergius Chapel.

Unfinished Business:

- St. Nicholas Church, DuBois Loan: The parish has moved into the former St. Joseph Catholic Church. All is going well there.
- Beavertown Mission Loan: All is in order with this loan.
- Investment Sub-Committee: This Committee did not meet.
- LPAP: Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Jeannette, is the first parish in the program.
- Auditing Committee: This position is still vacant.
- New Funding Program: Nicholas York asked if a presentation about the new Funding Program will be available for the upcoming assembly. Fr. Evansky related that another year is available before implementation.

New Business:

The proposed budget for the upcoming year was reviewed with a copy on file. \$247,315 has been collected through assessments. There is a potential red figure of \$4,017.00. Motion to accept the proposed budget made by Fr. Breckenridge; seconded by Fr. Gresh; motion carried.

The next Diocesan Council meeting will be at the Diocesan Assembly in DuBois, on November 7, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest Michael Senyo, Secretary

Approved for distribution:

Archbishop Melchisedek

Archpriest William Evansky