

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPORT

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2011

THE FALL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN SYOSSET SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2011.

IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN JONAH, ADDRESSED VARIOUS ISSUES IN THE CHURCH, EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO LOOK AT VARIOUS WAYS OF FINANCING THE CHURCH. HE ALSO SPOKE ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL AND ANSWERED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON RECENT ACTIVITIES.

THE OFFICER, COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS FOLLOWED, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HIS GRACE, BISHOP MELCHISEDEK, INTERIM CHANCELLOR, REPORTED ON HIS WORK OVER THE PAST FIVE MONTHS. HE DISCUSSED VARIOUS PERSONNEL ISSUES, CHANCERY OPERATION, AND THE WORK OF THE MISCONDUCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IN A RELATED MATTER, A REPORT BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF POLICY REVISIONS AND UPDATES ON CURRENT CASES.

FR ERIC TOSI, OCA SECRETARY, REPORTED ON CHANCERY PERSONNEL ISSUES, VARIOUS MEETINGS, ISSUES OF INSURANCE COVERAGE, ARCHIVES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, AND PLANNING FOR THE 16TH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL. THERE WAS A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE NEW WEBSITE AND NEW COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS.

FR MATTHEW TATE UPDATED COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHURCH FINANCING'S RECENT VISITS TO DIOCESAN TREASURERS. HE DISCUSSED VARIOUS CONCERNS AND PROPOSED FINANCE OPTIONS. HE ALSO SPOKE OF A PLAN TO BRING ALL TREASURERS TOGETHER FOR A MEETING ON FUNDING FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE 16TH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

DR. DMITRI SOLODOW GAVE A REPORT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE WORK OF THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ADDRESSED ONGOING ISSUES.

ALSO, IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, FR THEODORE BOBOSH GAVE AN UPDATE ON ONGOING ETHICS INVESTIGATIONS.

PROTODEACON MICHAEL MEYERS GAVE THE CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT AND UPDATED COUNCIL MEMBERS ON DISBURSEMENTS.

PROTODEACON PETER DANILCHICK GAVE A REPORT ON COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND OUTLINED A PLAN FOR THE REVISION OF THE COUNCIL HANDBOOK AND FUTURE RETREAT PLANS.

FR DAVID GARRETSON GAVE A REPORT ON HUMAN RESOURCE ISSUES. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, A NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF CHANCELLOR WAS PRESENTED. THE NOMINEE WILL BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING OF THE HOLY SYNOD OF BISHOPS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, FOR APPOINTMENT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATUTE OF THE OCA. AFTER APPROVAL, THE NOMINEE WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

DR. DMITRI SOLODOW GAVE A REPORT FROM THE INTERNAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND SPOKE OF THE TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE BEST PRACTICES POLICY.

FR JOHN VITKO GAVE A REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND SHARED PLANS FOR THE ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL AND FOR IMPLEMENTING DECISIONS AFTER THE COUNCIL.

GREGORY NEScott, CHAIR OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE, LED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION, DURING WHICH VARIOUS ONGOING ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE APPROVED AT THE 15TH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL, PRESENTED BY DR. SOLODOW, WAS DISCUSSED.

THE ACCOUNTING FIRM OF LAMBRIDES GAVE AN EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE NEW POLICY ON THE VARIOUS RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS DUE TO A NEW NEW YORK STATE LAW GOVERNING NON-PROFITS.

JOHN SEDOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE OCA PENSION BOARD, PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE PENSION PLAN AND VARIOUS INITIATIVES HE WILL PROPOSE TO THE HOLY SYNOD OF BISHOPS.

FR ERIC TOSI REPORTED ON THE 16TH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ITS ORGANIZATION, LITURGICAL SERVICE SCHEDULE, AND OPEN ITEMS. A DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND THE AGENDA ENSUED.

PROTODEACON PETER DANILCHICK REVIEWED THE WORK OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS. AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON PRIORITIES AND FOCUS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR WAS HELD.

MELANIE RINGA, OCA TREASURER, GAVE AN EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT, IN WHICH FINANCES FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND THREE YEARS WERE PRESENTED. THERE WAS AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE 2012 BUDGET AND IMPLICATIONS. VARIOUS BUDGET SCENARIOS WERE EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED.

FR GLEB McFATTER REPORTED ON A PLAN FOR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS OF THE OCA. PLANS CALL FOR PRESENTING A CLEAR INVESTMENT STRATEGY WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS WHO AND WHAT THE OCA IS INVESTING IN.

A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE INTERNAL AUDITORS, DETAILING THEIR WORK DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE NO ISSUES FOUND.

THE MINUTES OF THE SPRING METROPOLITAN COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN CHICAGO ON MAY 4-5, 2011 CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE OCA WEBSITE.

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