

**MINUTES OF THE TRIENNIEL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF CANADA
ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
JULY 18 – 20, 2007**

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Business Session 1

The meeting opened, following Divine Liturgy, with the singing of “O Heavenly King”

Appointment of Secretariat and All Committees:

Clergy Vice chair – Priest Larry Reinheimer

Lay Vice chair – Lawrency Purdy

Secretariat – led by Lorraine Grier, with Reader Justin Grimmond, Vera Therakoff, Elizabeth Markakis

Fr. Dale Shlitt, O.M.I. Rector of St. Paul University offered words of welcome. [a copy of his address is included in the Appendix]

Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director of the Andre Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies also brought greetings and welcomed the participants of the Assembly.

- received an image of our church and share the vision of mission, and are ready to pray for us throughout our assembly; this institute of Eastern Christian studies wants to breath with the spirit of Eastern Christianity

Agenda items 9 and 10 are moved to Thursday afternoon Business Session.

There was a motion to accept the Agenda: moved by Fr. John Tkachuk, seconded by Nikita Lopoukhine.
Carried.

There was a motion to accept the Minutes of 2004 Assembly as provided in Assembly materials: moved by Fr. John Tkachuk, seconded by Fr. Dennis Pihach.
Carried

Archpriest Dennis Pihach, Chancellor of the Archdiocese read his report.

There was a motion to accept the Report of Chancellor as read moved by John Hadjinicolaou, seconded by David Grier.

Carried

Report of the Archdiocesan Dean: Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon

Fr. Cyprian made the following remarks:

- o position was created to assist the Arch Bishop in his duties
- o serves as Chair of the Archdiocesan Religious Education committee
- o has prepared a job description for personal assistant to the Archbishop which has been published in the Messenger
- o “Please go back to your parishes: if you have young men who possess the qualities required, encourage them to contact me, Fr. Dennis or Archbishop Seraphim”.
- o Strategic focus group has some interesting proposals to suggest about various ways the Archdiocese could change
- o mandate of the Archdiocesan Dean will be fulfilled, hopefully in the next three years

There was a motion to accept the Report of the Archdiocesan Dean as read: moved by Fr. Phillip Eriksson, seconded by Fr. Justin Hewlett.

Carried

Bylaw Amendments addressed by David Grier

Bylaws Committee: Fr. Dennis Pihach, Rod Tkachuk, David Grier

The Archdiocesan Council began to update these Bylaws four months ago realizing changes were needed. These changes will:

1. Rectify contradictions between our existing bylawas and the statute of the Orthodox Church in America, specifically with respect to how we select our representatives to the Metropolitan Council,
2. Allow for changes in the number of deaneries in the Archdiocese of Canada,
3. Add the ex-officio position of Arch-Dean and remove the position of Secretary from the Archdiocesan Council, and
4. Set out more clearly how nomination, election, and overseeing of appointment by the Bishop is conducted.

If approved, these amendments will result in a council consisting of:

- 6 clergy members (5 representing the existing 5 deaneries plus the Dean of the Ottawa Cathedral)
- 6 lay members (5 representing the existing 5 deaneries plus one without portfolio)
- 4 ex-officio members (ruling Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer, and Archdiocesan Dean)
- With one priest and one lay person elected by the Assembly from among those elected to serve on the council.

After incorporating wording changes arising from discussion by the Assembly of the proposed wording in the delegates' packages, it was moved by David Grier and seconded by Fr. Dennis that the following changes be made to the Archdiocesan Bylaws:

2.2 (the officers):

- c.) **delete** the word Secretary from Secretary/Treasurer:
- d.) **add the phrase:** the Auxiliary bishop, the Arch-Dean/Secretary of the Archdiocese

2.3 The Directors of the Corporation are the members of the Archdiocesan Council (**delete "duly elected by the Archdiocesan Assembly" as not all are elected**)

5.1 delete the existing definition and replace with:

The Directors of the Corporation (also called the **Archdiocesan Council**) are: the Archdiocesan Bishop ex-officio, the **Archdiocesan Auxiliary Bishop (if any) ex-officio**, the Archdiocesan Chancellor ex-officio, the **Archdiocesan Dean ex-officio**, the Archdiocesan Treasurer ex-officio, the **Clergy Directors**, elected or as otherwise provided herein for a three-year term and the **Lay Directors**, elected or as otherwise provided herein for a three-year term. **Ex-officio members are voting members.**

5.3 **delete the existing definition and replace with:**

The Clergy Directors shall be six (6) in number. The number of Clergy Directors may be increased, with the approval of the Archdiocesan Bishop, provided however that there shall be a corresponding increase in the number of Lay Directors. The Dean of the Cathedral in Ottawa shall be one of the Clergy Directors. The Dean of a Deanery is to be one of the Clergy Directors for the Deanery over which he presides. The Dean is elected from amongst the **rectors** of the deanery and confirmed by the Archdiocesan Bishop for a term of three years provided that alternatively, the Archdiocesan Bishop may appoint an acting Dean in an **emerging**

Deanery. Any vacancy may be filled, from time to time, by appointment by the Archdiocesan Bishop, whenever possible, to be a priest from a Deanery not represented. The balance of the Clergy Directors, if any, shall be elected by the Archdiocesan Assembly and confirmed by the Archdiocesan Bishop.

5.4 delete the existing definition and replace with:

The Lay Directors shall be six (6) in number. The number of Lay directors may be increased with the approval of the Archdiocesan Bishop provided however that there shall be a corresponding increase in the number of Clergy Directors. The Archdiocesan Assembly shall elect the Lay Directors from the members of the laity, according to the following process, subject to any process that the Archdiocesan Assembly may, from time to time, invoke/adopt, such elected persons subject in all circumstances to confirmation by the Archdiocesan Bishop:

- a). Prior to the meeting of the Archdiocesan Assembly, there shall be a Nomination Committee, consisting of the presiding Bishop, the Auxiliary Bishop(s), the Chancellor, the Treasurer, and the Archdiocesan Dean (if any) and any alternative or additional members that the Archdiocesan Bishop and the Archdiocesan Council may determine:
- b). Deaneries are encouraged, at Deanery meetings or meetings held for that purpose, to elect laity to present to the Nomination Committee as proposed Lay Directors. The Deanery, any person, parish, mission or community may present to the Nomination Committee, names of laity residing in the Deanery to represent that Deanery as Lay Directors and as Lay Directors at large;
- c). The Nomination Committee shall, additionally, be at liberty to propose names of laity.
- d). The Nomination Committee shall present the slate of proposed nominees to the Archdiocesan Assembly. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the Assembly meeting. The nominee's Deanery shall be identified;
- e). The Assembly shall elect, if available, one lay person from each Deanery from the nominees, provided that, alternatively, the Archdiocesan Bishop may appoint a Lay Director in an emerging Deanery. The balance of the Lay Directors, if any, may be elected without regard to Deanery Representation.
- f). For the purpose of determining a person's eligibility to be either a Clergy or Lay director, but without in any manner affecting the status or function of the clergy or laity as practiced in the Orthodox Faith, Clergy

Directors shall be priests and Lay Directors shall include those of the Diaconate and Monastics, but not priests. Directors shall be voting members, according to and as defined by the Statute and within the By-laws. Laity and Clergy, voting at the Assembly and Deanery meetings or presenting names to the Nomination Committee, shall be a voting member, as so defined.

g). Any vacancy may be filled, from time to time, by appointment by the Archdiocesan Bishop, whenever possible to be a lay person from the Deanery not represented.

5.10 add this new section

The archdiocesan Assembly shall elect from the members of the Archdiocesan Council representatives to the Metropolitan Council as, and in the manner, set out in the statute (i.e. one priest and one lay person). A process is to be adopted that will select, if possible, the Archdiocese's representatives on a basis that there is a mix of new representatives and continuing representatives. The term of the Metropolitan Council representatives thus elected shall coincide with the subsequent All American Council three year cycle and not with the three year cycle of the Archdiocese of Canada.

6.2 (ex-officio members of Archdiocesan Assembly)

c). delete Secretary, leaving Treasurer, rather than Secretary/Treasurer

i). add: the Archdiocesan Dean (if any)

8.2 delete the existing section and substitute:

The Diocesan Court shall exist, be formulated, be composed of, and have a process as, and in the manner, set out in the Statute.

Carried.

Archbishop Seraphim elaborated on the election of Deans by saying:

“By blessing of this Archbishop, in this Archdiocese, all priests and deacons are blessed to vote for district dean and deacons are blessed to be lay members of the Archdiocesan Council). Only rectors are eligible to be deans [OCA statutes]. By tradition, we know that the Dean is elected by ‘the clergy’. When the statute was written there were so few deacons, they did not show up on our canonical and spiritual radar.

It was noted that for future Assemblies, the Archdiocesan Council needs to send out materials, particularly Bylaw amendments and resolutions before the Assembly to all parishes. Metropolitan Herman noted that

normal procedure is to distribute materials 60 days prior to the Assembly.

Report of the Nomination Committee made by Fr. Dennis Pihach

Committee: Nikita Lopoukhine, Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon, Fr. Dennis Pihach, chaired by Archbishop Seraphim

Deans Elected in their respective deaneries:

B.C.	Fr. Lawrence Farley
Alberta	Fr. Vasili Kolega
Man/Sk	Fr. Robert Kennaugh
Ontario	Fr. Oleg Kirilov
Quebec	Fr. Irene Rochon
Dean of Cathedral	Fr. John Jillions

Laity

A second name can be nominated for each Deanery. Then there will be an election. Otherwise these names stand.

B.C.	Sava Duran
Alberta	Peter Ewanchuk
Man/Sask	presenting name David Grier
Ontario	presenting name Deacon Gregory Scratch
Quebec	presenting name John Hadjinicolaou
Laity Member at Large	Mira Davidson

Member at Large has one position open from any deanery. Nominate by Thursday.

There was a motion to accept the nominations presented: moved by Fr. Geoffrey Korz, seconded by Fr. Robert Kennaugh.
Carried

Health Break [15 minutes]

Visitors from St. Paul University were welcomed by Mary Ann Lopoukhine who then introduced Fr. Luke Veronis, who will make several presentations throughout the Assembly.

Business Session 2

3:30 PM

Opened with the singing of 'O Heavenly King'

Report of the Ruling Archbishop: Part one is in the binders. Part Two, distributed later to the Assembly is included in the Appendix of these minutes.

Questions were invited for the Archbishop's report. There were none.

Questions were invited for each of the Deanery Reports. There were none.

The following reports were distributed separately [not included in the binder/manual]:

- o Report of a Metropolitan Council Representative
- o Report on Ecumenical Activities
- o Ontario Deanery Report prepared by Fr. John Jillions of the Cathedral
- o Treasurer's report tables

Professor Richard Schneider encouraged the Assembly to distinguish between the past and the present handling of situations which the church is facing. Support and understanding rather than revenge are the point. Explicit repentance and forgiveness cannot be forced. There is so much insecurity about the present: we need to be patient. On Friday, Metropolitan representatives will be elected. He urged the Assembly to think long and hard about choosing representatives with care. Fr. John Jillions commented that the website to which Richard referred in his report is part of our church, the loyal opposition, and may contribute to the building of a stronger church in the end. In keeping with Vladyka's comments, we are to express gratitude to those who expressed opposing positions.

There was a motion to accept the Deanery Reports, and all other reports as included in the binder/manual: made by Fr. Alexis Nikkel, seconded by Mira Davidson.
Carried.

Spencer Estabrooks, St. Arseny Institute, presented petition for people to sign asking the Archbishop to request the relics of St. Arseny be moved to the Archdiocese of Canada, where there is a renewed interest in venerating St. Arseny.

St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards [STAS] presentation was made by OMatthew Francis on behalf of the Standing Focus Group.

Standing Focus Group: Deacon Gregory Scratch, Subdeacon Jeremy Scratch, Reader Peter Ewanchuk, Reader Michael Luciuk, Matthew Francis

The Assembly was asked to refer to the STAS handout regarding needs and challenges which we can meet to go beyond sustaining the present status of the Archdiocese. The Standing Focus group suggested the goal here at this Assembly be to raise 25,000 dollars. All were asked to remember that this is sacrificial giving above and beyond what you already contribute in your own parish.

An operating policy for the administration of STAS was proposed as follows:

I. Administration

1. STAS will be administered by a Vision Committee composed of four members, functioning according to the “consensus model” already in place within the Archdiocese of Canada. These four positions are as follows:
 2. Positions appointed by the Ruling Bishop (executive Members of the Archdiocesan Council):
 - A) Chancellor
 - A) Archdiocesan Dean
 - AND*
 - B) A lay member-at-large of the Archdiocese, ‘elected’ at each Archdiocesan Assembly, to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms;
 - C) A lay member of the Archdiocesan Council, ‘elected’ from within the Archdiocesan Council, to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.
 3. The Vision Committee will bring its recommendations to the Ruling Bishop, for His blessing.
 4. The Archdiocesan Council may make recommendations and requests for STAS funding as needed by the Archdiocese of Canada.
 5. The Audit Committee of the Archdiocese, elected at each Archdiocesan Assembly will be responsible to audit the STAS account and all its activities on an annual basis.

I. Stewardship of STAS Funds

1. A separate account will be created within the Archdiocese of Canada, under the Chancellor's Office West, to receive and manage STAS funds, with signing authority to disburse funds as per Archdiocesan policy at that time.
2. STAS funding will be allocated, as needed, for ministry initiatives and administrative support of the Archdiocese according to the decision of the Vision Committee, and the blessing of the Ruling Bishop.

III. Reporting and Audit

1. The Vision Committee will provide a semi-annual written report of STAS activities to the Archdiocesan Council, including a statement of all current financial records.
2. The STAS account will be subject to an annual audit by the audit committee 'elected' by the Archdiocesan Assembly and reported in a written statement (see section 1.5 above).

Questions were invited.

This is not a new charity or endowment. The funds will be given directly to the Archdiocese.

Materials have been translated into French thanks to Fr. Irene Rochon and by the fall, the materials should be available in Russian.

Question: will DVDs and similar materials available to distribute?

Yes. Materials are to be distributed in parishes, to be emailed to everyone in the Archdiocese and posted on the Archdiocesan website.

Fr. Geoffrey Korz said: "Thank you for the concrete establishment of STAS and for this encouragement."

Thank you to Matthew and the Standing Focus Group who have worked on this program.

Vespers at 5 pm Dinner at 6 pm
Fr. Luke Veronis at 8 pm.

Session closed with the singing of "It Is Truly Meet."

THURSDAY July 19th

Business Session 3

2 p.m.

Opened with singing of 'O Heavenly King'

Insurance Presentations

Don Hornsburger of AON in Edmonton, Alberta & Debbie Hastings of Ecclesiastical Insurance in Toronto, Ontario made presentations.

- o New general property insurance plan of the Archdiocese from the brokerage firm of Aon Reed Stenhouse (Edmonton) and the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company (Toronto) presentations were made.
- o Because this plan is being offered to all the communities of the Archdiocese by a single insurer, the high volume of premiums will allow for uniform coverage, a reduced cost of premiums, a much broader coverage, and more options for risk control.
- o Because there will be only one insurer (ecclesiastical) and one broker to handle claims (Aon), the policies, designed specifically to meet each parish's needs, will spread the risk and the cost over the large group which, in turn, should in every case lower the cost of premiums that any parish or mission is now paying for its coverage with other insurers.
- o Although there is a consistent expiry date in November for this new Archdiocesan plan with Aon, delegates were urged to get their parish to send in applications right away, so that a quick response detailing rates can be offered, and everything can be put in place to begin coverage with Ecclesiastical right away when the parish's current insurance expires.
- o In addition to information about the plan itself, the presentation also included a brief account of the current situation with regard to abuse claims, now one of the heaviest costs in using religious organizations.
- o Those parishes which sign on with the Archdiocesan plan (and this will be of the greatest benefit to all communities in the Archdiocese if there is 100% compliance), will be given a wealth of advice and educational material from Aon and Ecclesiastical on how to prevent such claims and how best to handle them immediately, should they occur.

See handouts from both companies:

- o Risk Control Program prepared for Archdiocese of Canada July 2007
- o Laminated safety checklists

Question: how to cover church camps? More questions about nature of activities, ages of children, and training of volunteers are worked through with insurer to provide coverage.

Both insurers remained to field questions.

Metropolitan Herman's Address

The address was delivered very informally and very much in the spirit of the admonitions which Vladyka Seraphim quoted from St. Paul.

- o His Beatitude said that he believes that the current Central Administration crisis “has been sent to test us, to perfect us, to correct us in every way.” Even though some may think differently, he emphasized, “there really has been a complete change for the better [in Syosset] for the good of the Church.” We must let this process of change go forward, allowing it to be completed, “looking always to the future rather than dwelling morbidly on the past.”
- o We must also, he added, “resolve the crisis in a way that both builds up the Church and is fair to all concerned, to get peace and trust back in the Church.” Some people are upset, he noted, “because they think we are ‘hiding’ things; but it is obvious that not everything can be said until all is resolved. Then the Holy Spirit will speak, and fully.”
- o In conclusion, His Beatitude said that he really wanted most to talk about Archbishop Seraphim and the Archdiocese of Canada. “The holy Synod knows what great work your Archbishop has accomplished here, and his great sacrifice. He gives his life to build up the Archdiocese of Canada and to serve the Holy Synod by his diplomatic trips. Because of Archbishop Seraphim’s leadership, there are excellent priests in this diocese, and excellent lay leadership. To see this is a joy for me.”

Questions:

When will the issue of Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese be resolved? Metropolitan Herman replied that there is need for the Canadian church to demonstrate its ‘readiness’ to meet the needs of the Auxiliary Bishop.

Archbishop Seraphim informed the Assembly that the process of choosing an Auxiliary Bishop is underway.

Treasurer's Report – Nikita Lopoukhine

Please see the 2007 Assembly – Treasurer's Report included in the Appendix to these minutes.

Conclusions:

- o Programming has been limited – charity, mission, seminarian, publications,
- o An indicator of our situation is that we have not been able to hire the Bishop's Administrative Assistant.

Good News

- o Our income is up (special appeals) & 10% tithe per parish is up \$20,000 & expenses are low.

Question & Answer

- o There was discussion on the issue of Canadians sending money as individual parishes south of the border, i.e. IOCC, OCMC, etc.
- o It is the responsibility of the Metropolitan Council Representatives to pursue this issue.
- o The Canadian Council of Bishops as well should pursue this matter with various Orthodox agencies.
- o Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon did a quick calculation which indicates 11 parishes are providing 80% of the Archdiocesan Income.
- o Contribution towards missions is embarrassingly low.

Internal Control Considerations – Kosta Stavrianeas

- o A review of recommendations was presented.
- o There is need for assistance for accounting duties (Accounting Clerks) for the Treasurer, Nikita Lopoukhine.
- o A check & balance system is required.
- o 'As a result of lack of proper controls over the cash function the Archdiocese is at very high risk of a thief posing as a potential parishioner willing to help out with the Treasury. Churches are notorious for having lax internal controls. The Archdiocese is a very easy potential victim under the current system of recording of transactions'.

Internal controls can be designed to give assurance on the following three areas:

1. Effectiveness and efficiency of operations
2. Reliability of financial reporting

3. Compliance with laws and regulations

Refer to material prepared by Kosta Stavrianeas included in the Assembly materials binder.

There was a motion that the Archdiocesan Council perform an examination of Best Practices and Internal Control Considerations: made by Fr. Dennis Pihach, seconded by Dianne Kennaugh.
Carried.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: moved by Fr. John Tkachuk, seconded by Krista Francis.
Carried

Session closed with the singing of "It Is Truly Meet."

8:30 a.m.

STAS Presentation revisited [with visual presentation] – Matthew Francis

- o The goal is sustainable funding over time for the Archdiocesan needs
- o Monies received to date: \$5060.00 / did not reach projected goal of \$25,000

Theological Education Committee

Chair: Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon

Committee: Fr. John Jillions, Dr. John Hadjinicolaou,
Professor Richard Schneider, Mr. Spencer Estabrooks,
Fr. Lawrence Farley, Fr. Larry Reinheimer

Fr. Cyprian began by summarizing the history of the Committee which met for the first time during the last All-American Council of the OCA in Toronto in the summer of 2005. The Committee's formation was prompted by concerns about the many difficulties facing Canadian students who wish to study at one of the USA-based Orthodox Seminaries – including the high costs involved (especially when being paid for with Canadian funds) and the inability (in most cases) for spouses to be able to work while their husbands are studying.

Hence, the Committee has been looking at ways to create a “made-in-Canada” approach to Orthodox Theological education.

Although the Committee hopes to deal eventually (and make recommendations about) all types of theological education programmes (including diaconal, readers' and laypersons programmes), it was decided to focus initially on programmes of priestly formation.

The Committee's 'working model' for a made-in-Canada programme of priestly formation includes the following elements:

- a degree from one of the non-Seminary-based Canadian Orthodox Theology programmes [St. Arseny, Sherbrooke, Saint Paul, Toronto];
- evaluation (and recommendation to His Eminence) as well as ongoing mentoring of candidates by an 'Archdiocesan Vocational Assessments Committee' [AVAC];

- supplementation of university theological studies by a minimum of one residential year in an intensive communal programme of pastoral and liturgical formation.

The following is being proposed for consideration (by Archbishop SERAPHIM and the Archdiocesan Council) regarding a Residential [OTTAWA] Year of Pastoral and Liturgical Formation:

- that a Director of this programme be identified as soon as possible;
- that the contents of the proposed year be spelled out in a more formal fashion within the next 6 months. The year could include experiences such as: a) university credit courses in Pastoral theology and practice [at Saint Paul University]; b) an intensive (daily), participatory liturgical life in common; c) regular in-house seminars and discussion groups; d) intensive individual mentoring/spiritual direction; e) internship experience(s) in area Orthodox parishes; f) etc., etc.;
- that this programme be offered only once every 2-3 years, in order to have a ‘critical mass’ of candidates;
- that candidates for eventual priestly ordination who have been recommended by AVAC [see below] and blessed by His Eminence, in order to shorten the total period of formation, could interrupt their university-based studies in order to participate in an upcoming residential year *provided that they have finished the equivalent of not less than one and a half years of theological study.*

Regarding the creation of an “Archdiocesan Vocational Assessments Committee” [AVAC], the Theological Education Committee is proposing that:

- AVAC be charged with:
 - a) vetting applications from men in the Archdiocese who seek priestly (and/or diaconal?) ordination. Such applications to the committee by candidates should be made as early as possible after their decision to embark on studies aimed at future ordination;
 - b) making recommendations (after various measures of assessment of candidates have been undertaken – see below) to the Archdiocesan ruling bishop regarding the suitability (or lack thereof) of candidates for eventual ordination;
 - c) identifying a suitable person or persons to undertake (with Vladyka’s blessing) the mentoring of each candidate during [and beyond?] their period of priestly formation.

- AVAC be constituted as follows:
- a) that AVAC consist of a 'western' and an 'eastern' section, each comprised of two members plus the chairman;
 - b) that the chairman be the Archdiocesan Dean;
 - c) that each section be comprised of: a suitable senior clergyman and an Orthodox layperson skilled in areas of psycho-spiritual assessment;
 - d) that in the event of one section (western or eastern) being unable to rule unanimously on the (un)suitability of a candidate, the candidate's 'dossier' could be referred for a 'second opinion' to the other section of the committee;
 - e) that the 5-person AVAC be charged [within a 'reasonable' period of time] with the responsibility of devising a process for candidates' applications to the committee (e.g. creating application document(s); identifying criteria including required spiritual, psychological, educational and legal assessments; other measures; etc.).
 - f) that AVAC's recommendations re: this 'process' will then come back to the Theological Education Committee for consideration, alteration where deemed necessary, and eventual forwarding to His Eminence for approval.

Following the delivery of this report by Fr. Cyprian, the floor was opened for questioning.

Fr. Mirone Klysh:

- o expressed concern about the prerequisite of having a degree to move forward to being ordained a priest or deacon.
- o asked that in the assessment, consideration be allowed for the qualifications of the individual candidate short of a university degree.
- o expressed the need for flexibility for a worthy candidate that God has called to diaconal or priestly ministry that does not have the necessary academic credentials.
- o there is also need to comply as much as possible with standards for ordination of the Holy Synod of Bishops.

Fr. Oleg Kirilov suggested the possibility of priestly ordination of an individual without academic credentials serving as a 2nd priest.

Election of the ex-officio members of the Archdiocesan Council:

Chancellor Fr. Dennis Pihach, Archdean Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon, Treasurer
Nikita Lopoukhine

Credential Report:

Clergy	37
Lay delegates	24
Observers	41
Youth	21
Young adults	9
Archdiocesan Council members	<u>5</u>
	137

Assembly Elections – Archdiocesan Council

1. St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards
 - a. Committee member to join three others - nominated
Lorraine Grier (Saskatoon)
Fr. Rodion Luciuk (Yorkton)
Justin Grimmond (Hamilton)
Elizabeth Markakis (Montreal)
Leslie Ann Judge (Montreal)

Ballots were cast and counted.

Result: Justin Grimmond will be serving on STAS.

2. Archdiocesan Council
 - a. Deans elected by deaneries
 - b. Lay delegates by deaneries presented
 - c. Council Lay Delegate at Large
 - i. Mira Davidson (Victoria)
 - ii. Sandra Ellis (Vancouver)
 - iii. Barbara Eriksson (Edmonton)
 - iv. Nikita Pschelin (Toronto)
 - v. Alexandra Lopoukhine (Ottawa)
 - vi. Leslie Ann Judge (Montreal)
 - vii. Reuben Penner (Halifax)

Motion that in this vote for Lay Delegate at Large the runner up be recorded in the minutes as the alternate; in the event the delegate could not attend, the runner up would be invited to attend: moved by Fr. John Tkachuk, seconded by Fr. Irene Rochon.

Archbishop Seraphim and the Archdiocesan Council will take this under advisement.

Ballots were cast and counted.

Result: Mira Davidson will be serving on Archdiocesan Council.

Runner up to serve, at the discretion of His Eminence, if elected person is unable to continue to serve: Barbara Eriksson and Alexandra Lopoukhine

Fr. Dennis offered slate for Archdiocesan Council.

Accepted as presented.

3. Metropolitan Council
Clergy Fr. John Jillions
Fr. Dennis Pihach
Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon

Ballots were cast and counted.

Result: Fr. Cyprian Hutcheon will serve as Clergy delegate on the Metropolitan Council.

Lay	David Grier
	Mira Davidson

Ballots were cast and counted.

Result: David Grier (Saskatoon) will service as lay delegate on the Metropolitan Council.

Motion regarding AUDIT/FINANCIAL REVIEW and AUDIT:

Called to be good stewards and accountable stewards in the gospel, and moving toward financial accounting best practices, be it resolved that the Archdiocesan Council take the next step and engage an external audit review of the financial records for the next Archdiocesan Assembly and thereafter when it becomes feasibly possible or necessary, the Archdiocese is to take the next step and have external audits done.

Moved by Fr. Rodion Luciuk, seconded by Richard Schneider.

Carried.

Bylaws of the Archdiocese require that three auditors be elected at this Assembly to an Auditing Committee, to conduct internal audit reviews of the Archdiocesan accounts. It is suggested that this review be done once a year.

Nominated: Fr. Rodion Luciuk (Yorkton)
Fr. Ron Poworoznik (Sherwood Park)
Reuben Penner (Halifax)
Lorne Pinkerton (Calgary)

Nominations closed.

Ballots were cast and counted.

Result: Fr. Rodion, Fr. Ron, and Lorne Pinkerton will serve on the Auditing Committee for the Archdiocese.

Presentation on the work of the departments of the OCA

Mary Ann Lopoukhine did a quick overview.

- o Visit the OCA website [oca.org]; click departments to see this information in detail.
- o Resources are available to all, funded by FOS.

Mary Ann is involved with the Department of Christian Witness and Service:

- o provides the Resource Handbook on line from 1982 – 2006, originally edited by M. Denise Jillions
- o accessibility survey in binder, to be filled in and handed in to Mary Ann [or mail it in to the cathedral address]; it will be used to put info on oca website – directory.

In conjunction with the Department of Pastoral Life and Ministry there will be a parish life conference next week in Washington D.C. This assists clergy in the fulfillment of their ministries. The topic: Outreach in the Healthy Parish: Archbishop Seraphim is the keynote speaker.

YOUTH REPORT presented by Matthew Francis [see binder for report submitted by Fr. Richard Rene and Matthew Francis]

- o Audio/visual presentation of what is happening across the Archdiocese with youth.
- o 2006 St. Arseny camp, just one of many across Canada, was featured in this presentation.

- o Gabriel Scratch of Ottawa and Neeva Lee Tkachuk of Yorkton shared what they'd learned about being missionaries this week.

- o Many Years were intoned for the youth of the Archdiocese of Canada.

LOCATION OF NEXT ASSEMBLY and time of year

Motion to host the next 2010 Assembly in Victoria, BC was presented by Fr. Lawrence Farley and the Deanery of BC, on behalf of Fr. John Hainsworth, All Saints of Alaska Parish and the BC Deanery

Proposed date: May [to dance around the 2010 Olympics]

Archdiocesan Council will take the time into consideration.

Fr. Dennis thanked all those who worked and made this Assembly a success and offered a round of applause.

Mary Ann acknowledged the good community effort by a large number of cathedral parishioners.

Motion to adjourn the Assembly: moved by Deacon Taras Papish.

Closing of Assembly

Service of Thanksgiving