

**Minutes of the Archdiocesan Council Meeting
Archdiocese of Canada, Orthodox Church in America
held at St Peter the Aleut's Church, Calgary, Alberta
October 25 - 27, 2002**

Council members in attendance at this meeting were:

Ruling Bishop of the Archdiocese, His Grace SERAPHIM
Chancellor of the Archdiocese, Archpriest Dennis Pihach
Eastern Secretary, Olga Jurgens
Dean of British Columbia, Archpriest Lawrence Farley
Dean of Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Priest Robert S Kennaugh
Assistant Dean of Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Priest Rodion Luciuk
Higoumène Irénée (Rochon)
Archpriest Larry Reinheimer
Priest James Griggs
Deacon Geoffrey Korz
David Grier
John Hadjinicolaou
Denis Lessard
David Rystephanuk
Richard Schneider
Rod Tkachuk
Nun Sophia (Zion)

Council members absent with regret and with a blessing from the Bishop were Western Secretary Deacon Andrew Piasta, Treasurer of the Archdiocese Nikita Lopoukhine, and Dean of Québec, Archpriest John Tkachuk.

Observers at various times over the two days of sessions were: Melvin Rystephanuk, Linda Dahanuk, Clara Mertick, Galina __, and Richard Andrews.

Session I, held on Friday evening, October 25

The fall 2002 meeting of the Archdiocesan Council began with a moleben served at 7 p.m. in the temple of St Peter the Aleut's parish, Calgary AB. Immediately afterwards, the Bishop asked Fr Larry Reinheimer, pastor of the church, to give the Council a brief picture of the parish's history. He related that the parish was founded in 1990 with three families and a deacon in residence. There are now about 200 people connected to the community, with between 100 and 125 attending on Sundays. Many ethnic backgrounds are represented, and there is a lot of growing maturity in the Christian life to look forward to in the future. The temple itself is "bursting at the seams," and Fr Larry hopes that they can move to larger accommodations in a year or two.

The Chancellor then called the meeting to order in the temple at 7:45 p.m., with opening prayer, roll call, and regrets (1.0). There followed a brief discussion and approval of the agenda (2.0).

3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting

In the interest of accountability, the Chancellor went over all the "Action" items listed in the minutes of the May 8 - 9, 2002 meeting. The following points were made:

- (p.6): Vladyka said that he intends to appoint Higoumène Irénée the Dean of Quebec soon.
ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM
- (p.7): Fr Rodion Luciuk reported that Nikita Lopoukhine has done as Vladyka requested regarding remuneration.
- (p.8): Fr Rodion reported that he had not yet given a note to Nikita about a line item for publications other than the *Messenger*.
ACTION: FR RODION LUCIUK
- (p.8): The Bishop said that Syosset/the Holy Synod have been given a text spelling out exactly what the Canadian government's limits are for the transfer of monies from Canada to the US. They seemed to understand. We will plan to re-send this document at least once a year as a reminder.
- (p.9): Vladyka said that the letter and receipt for Dr Foreman have been done.
- (p.9): It was noted that the assets of the Foreman collection have not yet been reflected in the Treasurer's report.. The Bishop asked Olga Jurgens to make sure that he writes a letter to Nikita stating that the assets of the Archdiocese should be increased by \$101,050.00 in all future financial reporting.
ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM, OLGA JURGENS

- (p.9): The Bishop stated that the urgency of raising money for a down payment on the second house across the street at Fair Haven is not great at this time, because the owner is not ready to sell yet.
- (p.10): After investigations were made, the Bishop was told that the big barn at Fair Haven is virtually of no resale value. It remains good storage, however, he said.
- (p.10): Dr John Hadjinicolaou reported that a new Metamorphosis appeal has not been started yet.
- (p.10): The committee of Fr Dennis Pihach, John Hadjinicolaou and Geoffrey Korz reported that nothing had been done by them yet on the search for an appropriate assistant for the Bishop.
- (p.10): Mother Sophia said that no action has been taken yet on the idea of introducing into the *Messenger* some aspects of the “Report on Assistance for the Bishop.”
- (pp.10-11): Fr Rodion Luciuk said that Nikita Lopoukhine’s financial report, which Fr Rodion would present later in the meeting, would demonstrate that the actions requested by Council concerning the diocesan investments have been carried out.
- (p.11): Fr Rodion also noted that the matter of the budget item for Labelle will be explained in the financial report to be given later.
- (p.11): Richard Schneider said that at a meeting of the Metropolitan Council held in Orlando at this past summer’s AAC, the proposal of the Archdiocese of Canada that the IOCC should register in Canada was put forward, and the MC said that this was definitely “the way to go,” but that he does not think anything has come of this yet.
- (p.11): Fr Lawrence Farley reported that the money for seminarians was distributed as directed by Council.
- (p.12): Council members were told that there is a written report handed out at this meeting regarding current youth activities in the diocese. The Bishop added that Sofia Lopoukhine is no longer able to help with coordinating youth activities in the east because she is working in Florida at the Orthodox Mission Centre.
- (p.12): Fr Dennis said that he has done a lot of work on the pension plan, and that it would be discussed later in the meeting. It is in place, he noted, and supposed to be functioning, after certain bureaucratic hurdles were overcome.

- (pp.12-14): Denis Lessard requested that what had been done in the area of publications since the last meeting of Council be reflected in the report of the Communications Unit which will be made at this meeting after the unit has met.
- (p.14): Fr Bob Kennaugh said that the photograph made of the Winnipeg icon of the Blessed Arseny has been sent to Olga Jurgens, who plans to have copies scanned and printed.

At the end of this reporting, the Minutes of the last Council meeting were approved in principle, with the proofed text by Dennis Lessard given to the Bishop for typographical corrections.

5.0 Report of the Ruling Bishop [*Attached, #5*]

In addition to his written report, the Bishop said several other things. He reported that at the recent meeting of the Holy Synod he was given more responsibilities to carry out. He then listed his current OCA Central 2003 responsibilities:

1. Two or more meetings of Holy Synod.
2. Three days of SCOBA bishops - RC bishop dialogue..
3. Three days at Ligonier (May7-9), all SCOBA bishops.
4. Lesser Synod meetings as called, three or more times a year.
5. Meetings required for him as chairman of the commission to negotiate the formation of the Russian diocese.
6. Meetings required of him as Vice-chairman of Interchurch Relations and Ecumenical Affairs. (The chairman, Archbishop Peter, will be the “mouth” and Bishop Seraphim the “legs” of this team).
7. Meeting(s) of the Board of Theological Education.
8. Meetings/Activities of the Committee on Late Vocations.

Upon questioning, Vladyka explained some of the thinking behind the creation of the commission which will negotiate the creation of a non-territorial Russian diocese in the OCA. He said that this offer was made to the OCA in 1970 but there had been so much trouble with certain priests of the OCA that it was dropped. Thus Moscow believed it had to remain in North America to protect the patriarchal churches and to start new ones. Metropolitan Kyrill of Smolensk has made the offer recently to re-open negotiations. The implication is that if the OCA does not create a non-territorial diocese to serve Russians, the Patriarchate will be forced to open more churches in North America under its jurisdiction to serve the new Russian immigration. Moscow’s proposal is that they would send a Russian bishop to the OCA, but he would be a member of the OCA’s Holy Synod, not Moscow’s. The current patriarchal churches in North America would come under this new Russian diocese, with the exception of the representation churches. Fr

Dennis Pihach interjected that “this is a graceful way for Moscow to leave North America.”

6.0 Report of the Chancellor *[Attached, # 6]*

Archpriest Dennis Pihach. added to his written report a plea for people, especially the deans, to look carefully at paragraph 2, and to try to organize the bishop’s schedule in the most compassionate and compatible way.

6.1 Reports of the Deans

6.1.a British Columbia Deanery Report *[Attached, # 6.1.a]*

Fr Lawrence Farley gave this written report.

6.1.b Alberta Deanery Report *[Attached, # 6.1.b]*

Fr Dennis Pihach gave this written report.

6.1.c Manitoba/Saskatchewan Deanery Reports *[Attached, # 6.1.c]*

Fr Bob Kennaugh and Fr Rodion Luciuk gave this report. In a addition to the written report, Fr Bob noted that this past summer, in August, a cross appeared in the sky at Sandy Lake, and the next day again at Rein, during the 100th anniversary celebration.

6.1.d Ontario Deanery Report

The Bishop spoke about Ontario, where there is presently no dean. He said that Windsor is vacant, with no solution in sight yet. Christ the Saviour, Toronto is served by Frs Oleg Kirilow and Miroslaw Wojtiuk and the St Seraphim Mission by Igumen Nestor (Mikhailetchko). There is also a new mission station recently blessed to begin in Mississauga. Hamilton has potential, and St Gregory’s in Kingston is well-ensconced in Sir John A’s cemetery. At the Monastic Community of St Silouan’s in Johnstown there are daily horologion services, and occasionally a Saturday liturgy. The cathedral in Ottawa is actively seeking a larger venue, while Holy Trinity is still deluded, although the bishop has begun some informal talks with them via a third party.

6.1.e Quebec Deanery Report

Fr Irene (Rochon) spoke about the Quebec deanery. He said that this year is the 25th anniversary of The Sign in Montreal. Ss Peter and Paul is served by Fr Alexander Janowski, helped by Fr Cyrille (Bradette). S-Benoit lost a few people last spring, but seems to be re-building with new people who are coming. It is served by Fr Irene and Fr Gregory Nimijean on three Sundays a month plus feast days. Rawdon now has regular services. Fr Luke of St-Eusebe is on loan to the Greeks for a year in Sudbury. The monastic community is still struggling along in Halifax; Fr Cassian (Marek), however, has had to go west for the time being in order to help his grandfather whose health is frail.

The first session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with the singing of "It is truly meet."

Session II, held on Saturday morning, October 26

The second session of the meeting was brought to order at 9:10 a.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King.” Chancellor Fr Dennis Pihach was in the chair.

9.0 Metropolitan Council and All-American Council

Richard Schneider said that the Metropolitan Council needs to have a “made in Canada” solution to our giving to (1) the IOCC and the (2) Fair-share giving to the OCA. Fr Dennis Pihach said that Syosset must not create a new structure to funnel money to the US—the Archdiocese is already here, and they must recognize that our Archdiocese is the OCA in Canada. We must be open and helpful with any needs that the new Russian diocese might have in Canada, however. Rod Tkachuk reminded Council that a “Russian diocese” will affect the Archdiocese of Canada as a legal entity. Deacon Geoffrey Korz asked that a letter outlining the above concerns be sent to the Holy Synod through our bishop. John Hadjinicolaou said that this letter should be a formal, serious document presenting our position that the Holy Synod could refer to regularly.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

In reply to Richard Schneider’s concern that increasingly the Metropolitan Council seems to be needed only for “rubber-stamping” what has already been done or decided, rather than having much, if any, advisory role, Bishop Seraphim said that the responsibilities of the Metropolitan Council have never really been spelled out. The Holy Synod is trying to clarify this, but it will take some time.

There was some discussion of the 13th All-American Council and the near-trauma it caused for many of the faithful in Canada. John Hadjinicolaou said that Orlando was wake-up call: we were totally unprepared this summer, but we must be prepared for any eventuality at the next AAC primatial election.

The bishop said that the diocese has changed so much since he was consecrated fifteen years ago. It is growing in so many ways, and we need a firmer foundation under all the things which are growing. (Clearly we need an auxiliary bishop, he added.) Vladyka admitted that he has been having a great deal of difficulty making the transition between stirring up the life of the diocese, and settling down and supporting it. This, he said, is because he has a very hard time giving up being with everybody in the diocese. He regards every faithful person as part of his family, and he does not know how to make this necessary transition. Rod Tkachuk added that a part of building this firmer foundation under what is now growing in the diocese will involve some kind of new giving programme in Canada, similar to, but not in conflict with, the FOS in the States.

10.0 Clergy Insurance

Fr Dennis Pihach said that he hopes to give a detailed report on the new clergy insurance programme at the next meeting of Council. At this time there are seventeen priests registered, and Fr Dennis has had to struggle with many difficulties related to the registrations (trouble with parishes, etc.). There is more trouble in the East than in the West. After some discussion about whether the disability portion of the programme was worth the money or could even ever be claimed, Fr Dennis assured Council that a priest and parish can have the insurance package tailored to omit disability. There was an extended discussion between two points of view regarding insurance for the clergy: (1) is this how we should be spending money? vs. (2) is not this programme one of the ways we can give loving care to our clergy? The Bishop ended the discussion by saying that this programme is, relatively speaking, very inexpensive, and it should be there for the loving support of our clergy. Fr Dennis added that once he has the package completely organized, he will send out copies to all Council members.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

11.0 Pilgrimages

Fr Dennis reported that there is the possibility of another pilgrimage to Ukraine in the Spring of 2003, probably after Pascha. There will be more to come on this.

7.0 Report of the Treasurer [Attached, # 7]

Because of Nikita Loupkhine's absence, Fr Rodion Luciuk went over the Treasurer's written report with the Council.

There was discussion of the travel involved in Vladyka's new responsibilities for the Central Church. David Grier suggested that since our diocese wants to tithe 10% percent of our yearly income to the Central Church, but since we are allowed by the Canadian government to send only a maximum of 5% to a foreign country, perhaps we could cover any travel expenses of the bishop in his OCA official travels up to the amount that would make the total 10%. (E.g., if our income for the year is \$100,000.00 and we are, by law, allowed to send only \$5,000.00 to Syosset, then we could pick up the first \$5,000.00 of Vladyka's travel expenses for the OCA.) Council liked this suggestion and proposed that the Bishop and Treasurer work on a system for this, and that once it is created, for the Bishop to send a letter to Syosset explaining our policy.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM AND NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Dennis Lessard reminded Council that Nikita still needs to create a line item for publications other than the *Messenger*.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Council also wanted to remind Nikita that a line is needed under the assets of the diocese for the Foreman collection. He might want to call it something like “donated assets” (so that the collection is not so exposed to theft).

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Rod Tkachuk pointed out that the funds given to the new “Orthodox Foundation of Canada,” or whatever it will be called when it is finally honed and put in place, must be clearly earmarked and solely spent on extended projects: these funds must be a sacred trust. The proposal for the foundation [*see attached, # 7.1*], was referred to the Administrative Unit. Dr Hadjinicolaou stated that based on his experience in fund-raising, he would say that the use of foundation funds must be very focussed and specific.

At the conclusion of the financial report, the Council broke up into the three working units: Administrative (chaired by Dr John Hadjinicolaou), Programming (chaired by Fr Lawrence Farley), and Communications (chaired by Denis Lessard). Council members worked in these units until the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with the singing of “It is truly meet.” Luncheon in the church hall followed.

Session III, held on Saturday afternoon, October 26

The third session of the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King.”

4.0 Reports of Meetings of the Administrative, Programming, and Communications Units

4.1 Report of the Administrative Unit

Rod Tkachuk gave the report of the unit’s findings.

By-laws, incorporation, etc.:

He began by saying that the unit plans to obtain the by-law amendments from the All-American Council resolutions to prepare any necessary amendments to the by-laws of the Archdiocese. Rod will vet these and report to the Administrative Unit.

ACTION: ROD TKACHUK

Rod said that the unit members would like to suggest to His Grace that before a mission station be given mission parish status that it should report as to its state in regards to by-laws/legal status. Rod also said that he would prepare a report to the Administrative Unit about the conceptual issues, leading to a deeper dialogue at the Council level about our administrative/organizational life.

ACTION: ROD TKACHUK

Central administration.:

It is recommended by the unit that David Grier, Nikita Lopoukhine, Richard Schneider and Rod Tkachuk prepare a report for the Holy Synod and the Central Administration detailing our situation as a separate country and the largest territorial diocese in the world.

ACTION: DAVID GRIER, NIKITA LOPOUKHINE, RICHARD SCHNEIDER, ROD TKACHUK

Investments: [report attached, #4.1]

Noting that the total cash invested was \$105,000.00 and the present value is \$90,000, the unit requests that Fr Phillip Eriksson report in a simple manner with snapshots of each year, setting out the principal investment and the growth;

that he continue with the two separate funds and report on each separately; and that he continue the existing investment strategy and level of risk.

Later in the meeting, Bishop Seraphim said that he will send a letter to Fr Phillip Eriksson asking him to be in monthly contact with John Hadjinicolaou about our investment strategy. Any adjustments to maximize performance should be made in consultation with the Bishop and the Chancellor.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

Archdiocesan properties/Financial Task Force:

Continuing his report, Rod stated that now that the matters of an auxiliary bishop and a pastoral/administrative assistant for His Grace are in the planning stages, the priority for the unit comes under the heading of properties: the purchase of the second house across the street from Fair Haven, for a residence for the bishop. The new Foundation will not be the vehicle for this task. Instead, a Metamorphosis fund-raising campaign will be used instead. The house is in the range of \$75,000.00, so it is likely that the other Fair Haven properties will have to be mortgaged to complete the payment for it, since it is unlikely that the Metamorphosis project will raise enough to cover the entire cost. It is very important that we be ready to move when the house goes on the market. Someone should be assigned to see what the city hall assessment is on the house.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

Also, the Treasurer should look into the possibility of tax-exemption for the monastic properties.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Orthodox Foundation of Canada:

The Administrative Unit will undertake a full study of the working paper *[see attached, #7.1]* about this. There is whole-hearted support for the concept, but differences about what its profile should be. There should not be a lot of public discussion of this until the full study has been done.

ACTION: ALL MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

Diocesan Budget:

In conclusion, Rod said that the unit recommends that the travel budget be raised by \$6,000.00, i.e., from \$14,000.00 to \$20,000.00, with an increase in revenue of the same amount.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

4.2 Report of the Programming Unit

David Rystephanuk presented the report of this unit.

Seminary/scholarships:

David reported that both Richard Rene and Edward Hewlitt have requested financial help from the seminarians fund. The unit recommended that CN \$2,000.00 be given to each. This was approved unanimously by the Council.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Charities:

[At this point, Richard Schneider brought up the fact that “Gift of Life,” a Rotary project, has been helping children from abroad who need emergency care in North American hospitals. Fr Leonid Kiskovsky called Christ the Saviour Sobor in Toronto when Rotary notified him that they needed help to support in Toronto a Russian child who needed care at the Children’s Hospital there. They received cooperation and support from both Christ the Saviour and the St Seraphim’s mission. Richard said that we will probably be hearing of more things like this, since this initiative worked out well for the child, and for everyone else concerned]

David asked Fr Larry Reinheimer to give details of his request for funds for one of his parishioners. Fr Larry then described the plight of an Ethiopian woman whose husband is in jail for abuse of the daughters. (Unfortunately the Ethiopian community has sided with the husband, and the wife is now ostracized by them.) She is being evicted from public housing for arrears in rent plus massive daily interest accumulations on the amounts owed (the total of all of this is about \$4,000.00 at this time). She cannot read English and lacks many basic life skills (such as money management). Fr Larry has people lined up to teach her these skills and give her other guidance and support, and his parish is willing to pay whatever amount remains to make the total if the diocesan charities fund can pay the \$2,500.00 which is left in it for the year. Fr Larry will take these monies to the housing authority and try to negotiate a rescission of the eviction. Dr Hadjinicolaou urged Fr Larry that if the housing authority accepts the monies for the arrears, he must demand a promise in writing from them that they will not evict her. Fr Larry said that if the Council approves this expenditure, he needs the money immediately. He said that if the housing authority refuses the total sum (from Council and from his parish), he will not use the money. Council unanimously approved this

expenditure and asked Fr Dennis to write the cheque immediately, which he did.

[A few days later Fr Larry sent an e-mail message to Council members reporting his success in this initiative: the authority accepted the money, the woman is not evicted, and she is getting help from certain persons of Fr Larry's parishioners with regard to money management and other life skills.]

Missions:

David reported that there have been no requests for money from missions. He noted also that St Seraphim's Mission in Toronto is no longer getting help from Christ the Saviour, but they are going through the proper channels to secure their goals. The mission station in Sherwood Park AB has just begun under the leadership of Fr Ron Poworoznik. Fr Robert Polson is serving the mission station in White Horse YT twice a month. The Winnipeg English mission station is dormant.

Youth:

David called attention to the Youth Report of Fr Anastasy Richter *[attached, #4.2.1]* He added that Fr John Hainsworth is hoping to set up a camp in BC next year. Communities there are so spread out and different, and perhaps at the beginning only Victoria and Surrey/Langley would be involved, but Fr John will try to throw his net as far as possible.

Fr Anastasy Richter is in charge of the youth department of the diocese, but he needs support in the East. The bishop asked that Fr Dennis tell Fr Anastasy to remind the bishop frequently for the need to find an Eastern representative.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

Ecumenical Affairs:

It was proposed by the programming unit that the amount the diocese gives to the CCC should be raised to \$300.00 or \$350.00 and that we actually pay it. After much heated discussion and a person-by-person vote, a motion to give \$500.00 to the CCC for the year was passed by the Archdiocesan Council by a narrow margin. This will involve a line item change also.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Immigration:

There was nothing to report under this heading except that ROIS (?) in Toronto has shut down.

Clergy insurance:

David reported that the unit held a discussion about making sure our clergy are taken care of, that burn-out is avoided, etc. Guidelines for parishes and missions should be written re: clergy compensation and insurance, possibly to include also sabbatical leave. Fr Dennis needs to work on these guidelines.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

4.3 Report of the Communications Unit

Denis Lessard presented the report of this unit.

Denis began his report by requesting again from the Treasurer that there be a line item for publications other than the *Messenger*. This is the third time of asking, so Denis will send a note to Nikita reminding him.

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD, NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Denis also will remind Nikita that there should be some indication of the \$500.00 which has been set aside for Paul Ladouceur's *Living Orthodoxy* [translation of the *Rencontre*].

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD, NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Denis further reminded the Chancellor to take "Assembly" off the list of the Communication Unit's responsibilities.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

Lives of the North American saints:

Denis has made a draft of St Herman's life in French; he will perhaps also translate a tropar and a prayer from the akathist to St Herman to go with the life (Fr James Griggs will send him the prayer from the akathist in English to translate). After Fr Cyrille (Bradette) and Paul Ladouceur have proofed the translation of the life and the hymnology, Denis will send it to the American publisher of the American saints' lives in English and seek their permission to publish the translation. Denis reminded Vladyka to look at the letter Denis drafted for His Grace to send to the American publishers requesting this permission. Denis will send Mother Sophia a copy of this letter so that it will be available should the bishop need it.

ACTION:

BISHOP SERAPHIM, FR JAMES GRIGGS, DENIS LESSARD

Scriptographic book on Orthodox customs:

Mother Sophia reported that the Finnish scriptographic booklet on Orthodox customs translated by Fr John Tkachuk is now finished (with thanks to Fr John for translating and Sr Stephanie for typesetting). The unit told Mother Sophia (1) to send a copy of the CD to Finland with Vladyka's permission for them to use the translation freely but also to give the diocese some copies of whatever they print; and (2) to ask through Eileen Scully if Novalis would be interested in publishing the booklet.

ACTION: MOTHER SOPHIA

Living Orthodoxy [Rencontre]:

Denis said that the unit had discussed Paul Ladouceur's report on *Living Orthodoxy* [attached #4.3.1]. On the one issue still outstanding in the text which Paul queried Council about, for consistency of the wording of prayers with the quotations from the New King James version of the scriptures, the unit asked Denis to encourage Paul to use the modern "you" in the prayers. With regard to authorizations, the unit recommended that Paul first contact the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius and SPCK. If he receives permission from them, there will be no need to contact SVS which often tries to charge for quotations.

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD

The unit also reminds His Grace that Paul needs a new preface by Vladyka for the book, since Paul thinks the preface for the French edition is not entirely suitable for the English one.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

As stated in the minutes of the previous Council meeting, \$ 500.00 has been set aside for this volume. When it is ready, John Hadjinicolaou will print.

French version of the bishop's *Holy Communion*:

The translation of the bishop's *Holy Communion* book into French is finished. Denis will look over it once again for the last time. How much should the first run be? Paul Ladouceur can actually publish this himself for \$3.00 each, photocopied with a paper cover. It will cost \$150.00 for the 50 copies. Denis will ask Paul to have a cover to match the quality of the English version, and to get an ISBN for the work. Fr Irene volunteered at this point to find a donor for the \$150.00. Also at this point John Hadjinicolaou said that he would like an additional 100 copies, for which he will pay Paul \$300.00. Both Fr Irene and Dr Hadjinicolaou will

contact Paul. If a receipt is needed for the \$150.00 donation, Fr Irene will contact Mother Sophia. It is understood that any profit from the 50 copies made with the donation will revert to the diocese. Any profit from John's 100 copies will revert to him.

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD, FR IRENEE (ROCHON), DR JOHN HADJINICOLAOU

Russian version of the leaflet on stewardship:

In addition to receiving Olga Jurgen's report on this project [*attached, #4.3.2*], the unit was asked how many copies Doug Gander should run off. The unit suggested 500, with which the whole Council agreed. There are two versions of the text, one literal and one culturally sensitive. Fr Irene will decide which is better for new arrivals, but he cannot proof the texts. Olga will try to get a Russian proof-reader, have both proof-read, and then forward them to Fr Irene for vetting.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

Russian version of the leaflet about the OCA:

There are also two texts of this leaflet, similar to the above [*attached, #4.3.2*], to be vetted by Fr Irene. There will be 500 copies of this, to be run off by Doug Gander, once it is complete. Again, Olga will try to find a Russian proof-reader, have both texts proofed, and then forward them to Fr Irene.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

The English and French brochures which already exist:

Olga queried the unit about what to do with the stewardship brochure and the Archdiocese of Canada brochure [outdated on one of its pages], some copies of which are still available in English and French in the bishop's office. Frs Irene and James, as well as Denis volunteered to have a look at them and give their suggestions on how to distribute them. Copies will also be sent to the deans and to John Hadjinicolaou. Dr Hadjinicolaou suggested that the stewardship brochure might go into fund-raising packets.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

The *Chronology*:

Fr Dennis has reported that Kyrill Holden has agreed to take on the task of revising the *Chronology*, with an eye to eliminating controversial elements related to other jurisdictions, correcting whatever needs correcting, and

bringing the work up to date. Prof Holden has done a lot of research in Moscow. His work schedule on the *Chronology* will be structured, and we will get regular reports. Olga Jurgens will check from time to time to see how he is doing.

Fr Dennis raised some concern about a possible misunderstanding which he thinks may have occurred between Prof Holden (a parishioner of Fr Dennis) and Kathy Szalasznyj, an archivist from Saskatoon who had been asked by His Grace to assist Kyrill. Council decided that Olga should write a letter to Kathy explaining her that Kyrill has taken on the project and that he will contact her when he needs assistance. This should be worded delicately.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

Parish directory:

Denis called the Council's attention to the report of Olga Jurgens [*attached, #4.3.3*] that the 2002 edition was published in July and has been distributed.

Web page:

It was announced that Fr John Hainsworth in Victoria, a skilled programmer, has taken on the project of the diocesan web page, since Bob Czech of Syosset, who was going to do it, has gone on to another job. Olga will write to Fr John to ask if he wants the Parish Directory to put on the site—a light-weight attempt at finding out where he is at this point in the project.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

Translation(s) of the life of St Arseny into French:

Denis reported that he had also asked the unit some questions concerning the biography of St Arseny. He said that he has translated the shorter life ["Our Canadian Chrysostom," *COM*, 12:2, pp. 10, 12] into French, but now that Fr John Hainsworth's much more complete life of him [*COM* 13:3, pp. 11-14] has been printed in the *Messenger*, he would like to translate that into French also. The unit agreed that the longer life should be translated. Meanwhile, Denis will send the shorter life translation to Fr Irene for proofing, and then on to Mother Sophia for publication in the next issue of *COM*. Mother Sophia will ask Fr John for permission to translate the longer article and to publish it in the *Messenger* in French in the future, after it is properly proofed.

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD, MOTHER SOPHIA

Denis also queried the unit about whether or not a photograph of St Arseny's new Winnipeg icon is available. Olga indicated that she has received the photograph from Fr Bob Kennaugh and will be running off copies.

The collected writings, sermons, etc. of Bishop Seraphim:

A project has recently begun to collect and within the next year or two publish the writings, etc. of Vladyka. The two persons working on this project at this time are Kathy Szalasznyj and Mother Magdalen (Williams).

12.0 Ecumenical affairs [*Attached, # 12*]

Please see Richard Schneider's written report. Council noted that under "(2) Commission on Justice and Peace," Monk Pierre should be Monk Pierre (Blais). Under "(4) Youth Committee," the "Anastasy Richter" should be "Anastasy Gallagher."

13. 0 Blessed Arseny glorification

Please note "Translation(s) of the life of St Arseny into French," above, under the Communications unit report.

14.0 New Business

14.c Assembly [*Attached, # 14 c*]

David Grier presented the written report from Saskatoon. He added that the committee has not succeeded in reaching Prof Pelikan. The Council suggested that instead of Prof Pelikan, the planning committee ask Fr John Breck if he can be the keynote speaker for the Assembly. [A week after the Council meeting, the Assembly planning committee discovered that Fr Breck was fully booked already for the time requested. His Grace suggested that the committee ask Bishop Job, who indicated to Vladyka that he will be able to do it.]

14.b Diocesan archives

His Grace explained that a room to store the diocesan archives, measuring 10 feet by 18 feet, is being built back of the refectory at Fair Haven. It will have no windows, and eventually will be climate-controlled.

14.a.1 Auxiliary bishop

The bishop called attention to his Report [5.0], with regard to the appointment of a committee to search for candidates for an auxiliary bishop of the diocese. This committee and Vladyka will keep in touch with each other by telephone, letter and e-mail. Candidates to be examined must be over 35, single or widowed, with sufficient education, and not necessarily presently ordained. There will be some interviewing, as well as a police background check. The long list should be ready by Pascha 2003. Vladyka and the committee will then begin refining the list. His Grace will be responsible for telling all committee members these details and deadlines.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

14.a.2 Retired bishops

This is still a work in process. Bishop Seraphim and Metropolitan Herman will visit them at their monastery early in the new year.

15.0 Date and place of next meeting

The spring 2003 meeting of the Archdiocesan Council will be held on 2 - 4 May in Toronto.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. with the singing of "It is truly meet."

Respectfully submitted,
Nun Sophia (Zion)