

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CANADA

## ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING IN MONTREAL QUE

OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2017 AT THE SIGN OF THE THEOTOKOS

### **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**7:30 AM Thursday** Divine liturgy

**9:00 AM** Moleben

**9:30 AM** Breakfast

1. Meeting called to order

2. Roll Call

His Eminence Archbishop Irénée (Rochon)

Chancellor Fr. Phillip Eriksson

Treasurer Fr. Justin Mitchell

Archdiocesan Secretary Anna Miller

Dean of Quebec and Atlantic Prov. Fr. Gregory Nimijean

Dean of Ontario Fr. Geoffrey Korz

Dean of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut Fr. Gregory Scratch Absent with regrets

Dean of Alberta and The Northwest Territories Fr. Gerasim Power Absent with regrets

Dean of British Columbia and The Northwest Territories Fr. Michael Fourik

Clergy Member at Large Fr. Andrew Applegate

Lay Member at Large Gregory Rychlo

Clergy Delegate to the Metropolitan Council Dn Nicolas Svetlovsky

Lay Delegate to the Metropolitan Council Mark Petasky Absent with regrets

Lay Delegate for Quebec and Atl. Prov. John Hadjinicolaou

Lay Delegate for Ontario Edward Kurns Absent with regrets

Lay Delegate for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut Ian Bodnaryk

Lay Delegate for Alberta and The Northwest Territories Lorna Jean Clark

Lay Delegate for British Columbia and The Yukon Dn Peter Choi Absent with regrets

Staff Accountant Fr. Rod Luciuk

St. Arseny Institute representative Greg Wiebe

3. Appointment of Co-Chairman and Recording Secretary  
 Co-Chair Fr. Phillip Eriksson APPROVED  
 Recording Secretary Dn Nicolas Svetlovsky APPROVED
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting APPROVED  
 Approved without correction.
5. Approval of the Agenda APPROVED
6. Archbishop's Report  
 Recommendations by the Archbishop;  
 1. Readers and Subdeacons are to be vetted by Parish Priest and Dean before ordination. A Reader or Subdeacon must be married before ordination.  
 2. Readers and Subdeacons are not to use "Reader" or "Subdeacon" as official titles.
7. Chancellor's Report.  
 Recommendations by the Chancellor;  
 1. A meeting with Carol Chouinard is to be scheduled in Ottawa to resolve Archdiocesan Incorporation status.  
 2. The Archdiocese subsidise the salary of the second priest (\$1500 per month) who will replace Fr. Phillip when he is busy with the work of Chancellor
8. Treasurer's Report  
 Recommendations by the Treasurer;  
 1. The Spencerville property should be priced at \$220,000, the property will be sold no lower than \$180,000  
 2. The Assembly in Edmonton produced a surplus of \$10,710 which should be added to the general operating fund of the Archdiocese.  
 3. The OCA will require a certain contribution from the Archdiocese for the 2018 All American Council the Treasurer would like the council to approve the contribution.  
 4. The Treasurer would like the mortgage be paid off out of the current surplus.  
 5. The Council needs to decide whether we have an internal or external audit for 2017
- Motions resulting from discussion of the Treasurer's Report.
1. Fr. Justin motions that the mortgage be paid off in full by the end of this month  
 Seconded by Anna Miller. APPROVED
2. Fr. Justin motions that the surplus generated by the Assembly be added to the general operating fund  
 Seconded by Anna Miller APPROVED
3. Fr. Justin motions that we have an external audit for the year 2017.  
 After discussion the motion is withdrawn, to be decided in the future.

4. Fr Michael motions that mortgage be paid off in part from the 2016 STAS surplus.  
Every year the STAS surplus will be used as decided by the Council.  
Fr. Andrew seconds.

APPROVED

9. Secretary's Report

Recommendation by the Secretary

1. The Anna will send out a request to all Deans for a list of all Subdeacons and Readers who are active in a parish in their respective Deaneries and request for Police Background check for all those who currently haven't submitted one

**1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK**

**2:00 PM MEETING RESUMES**

10. Archdiocesan Committee and Institutions Report

10.1 Legal Committee Report

Fr. Phillip read the committee report.

Action Item: Fr. Phillip will make an appointment with Carol Chouinard.

10.2 Bylaws Committee Report

Included in the Legal Committee Report

10.3 Theological Committee Report.

(John Hadjinicolaou)

10.4 Budget Report

(Fr. Justin and Fr. Rod)

Amendments to the Budget;

1. The revenue of 2017 will be recorded as \$185,000
2. Half of the money allocated for the future Auxillary Bishop be used to copensate the Chancellor's Parish
3. The Chancellor's parish be compensated \$18,000 a year for the Chancellor Archdiocesan duties

Fr Justin motions to accept the amended Budget

Seconded by Fr Andrew

APPROVED

10.5 Mission and Mission Developments

(Dn Nicolas Svetlovsky)

10.6 Christian Education and Youth Committee

The Archbishop appoints James Yount as interim Lay Delegate from Ontario and Chairman of the Christian Education and Youth Committee.

10.7 Fundraising Committee and STAS Report.

(FR. Andrew Applegate and John Hadjinicolaou)

10.8 Communications Committee

(Fr Geoffrey Ready)

Fr. Geoffrey Korz motions that we increase \$2000 per year to cull articles from our Parish websites to post on our Archdiocesan website.

Seconded Anna Miller

APPROVED

10.9 St. Arseny Institute Report

(Gregory Wiebe)

Fr Phillip motions to continue the Report Friday morning

Seconded by Dn Nicolas

APPROVED

**4:00 PM VESPERS**

**5:00 PM DINNER**

**8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY**

**9:30 AM BREAKFAST**

**10:00 AM MEETING RESUMES**

10.9 St. Arseny Institute Report Cont'd

Recommendation;

Greg Wiebe is to present a clear proposal for the educational programs the Institute is to provide, which the Council will approve.

10.10 Metropolitan Council Report

(Dn Nicolas)

10.11 Fr. Vincent Lehr's Report on the Assembly in Edmonton

Read by Lorna Jean Clark

Recommendation;

1. The Council wishes that Fr. Vincent and the volunteers involved be given Gramottas
2. Lorna Jean Clark will prepare an "Assembly review" with advice for the next Assembly

10.11 The Archbishop will schedule a Clergy Retreat during Great Lent.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

1. The Sign of the Theotokos parish project

(John Hadjinicolaou)

The Sign will be renovating their church at the cost of \$150,000 and asks that their %10 contribution to the Archdiocese be reduced to %5 for the years 2018 and 2019 to help pay for the new Iconography.

Fr. Justin motions that the Sign's contribution be reduced to %5 for 2018 and 2019

Seconded by Greg Rychlo

APPROVED

2. St. Silas Prison Mission Report

(Archbishop)

3. Armed Forces Chaplaincy

Recommendation;

Priests serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces can apply to the Archdiocese for funds to pay for Liturgical Hardware.

4. Covenant Eyes

Fr Justin motions that the internet filtering software Covenant Eyes be endorsed by the Archdiocese and a link on our website offering a discount for families and free for priests.

Seconded by Fr Andrew

APPROVED

5. Next Meeting

March 15-16 2018 in Vancouver

Motion to adjourn meeting Anna Miller

Seconded by Lorna Jean Clark

APPROVED

## Action Items;

1. Fr Phillip will schedule a meeting of the Legal Committee with Carol Chouinard in Ottawa to resolve the incorporation of the Archdiocese.
2. Fr. Geoffrey Ready is to be given \$2000 more per year to cull articles from parish websites
3. The mortgage to be paid off.
4. Anna is to ask the Deans for a list of all Readers and Subdeacons currently active in their respective parishes. All Readers and Subdeacons who have not submitted Police Background checks recently will be ask to do so.
5. The Chancellors parish be compensated \$18,000 to pay for a second priest
6. Clergy retreat scheduled for Great Lent.
7. Greg Wiebe is to present a clear proposal for the educational programs the Institute is to provide, which the Council will approve.
8. Lorna Jean Clark will prepare an "Assembly review" with advice for the next Assembly

