Minutes
Diocesan Council Meeting
March 23, 2010
Holy Trinity Cathedral, S.F.

Open: 10:30a.m. - “O Heavenly King...”

Minutes of previous meeting:
- clarification/correction - need to attach formal declaration of housing allowance for Fr. Matthew Tate and His Grace.
- spelling correction, “Fr. John Chakos”
- Minutes approved.

Bishop’s Report:
- Diocese of Midwest Episcopal vacancy - in process
- Mat. Paulette Hirsch falling asleep in the Lord
- Mat. Jeanette Seamore - hospitalized, serious condition
- Transfers:
  Fr. David Lowell to Holy Transfiguration, Denver
  Fr. Michael Boyle (Serbian diocese), new chaplain for Raphael House, S.F.
  Fr Sergius Gerken requests transfer to Sitka, AK, leaving need for resident chaplain at Calistoga Monastery
- Monasteries: “stable and strong” in diocese; need prep. monastics for ordination to serve in monasteries
- St. Tikhon’s - ongoing special investigation, reports available on-line
- Parishes: Ashland in need of priest

- Missions
  Hemmit, CA request for mission
  Kazan Church, Moscow Patriarchate (San Diego), requests to be received into Diocese
  Camp Pendelton chapel to establish mission off-base (Oceanside, CA)
  Santa Maria - Building new temple

- Chancery: Elias to NY, Fr. Barnabas (Day) in residence
- Bishop’s travels: Guatamala, Russia, Alaska
- update on Chambassy: effort to bring order to Orthodoxy around world in “non-Orth. Territories”; OCA included in exec. Committee; Episcopal Assembly forthcoming
- OCA Synod: meeting often, good relationships; several dioceses open - NY/NJ (Dahulich), AK (Fr. Gerasim), South, Midwest, Bulgarian

Treasurer Report:
- sent out via email
- updates: delinquent receivables down
- 47 of 52 parish reports received
- DPA comp. sent to parishes
- $13K owed in assessments
- LGS continuing expense of approx. $2K/mo., possible loss when sells
- Pt. Reyes assets - low return, but safe investments

Old Business:
- Monastery Chapels: Manton done, Santa Paula
- Diocesan Communications: ever need for articles, photos, send to Fr. John Dresko
- 2010 Diocesan Assembly: St. John’s, Poway, Oct. 19-21
  strategic plan for OCA in prep for AAC
  Fr. John Erickson to speak on “The OCA”
  possible to change dates toward the end of week?
- Parish and Clergy Screening/ Background checks: 100% compliance
- Diocesan Loan Program: agreed upon business plan, seek funding, grants/gifts
- Synaxis Corp.: update lease, by-laws
- Finance Committee Items: charter sent out, Moved: accept charter (Mary Caetta), 2nd Fr. John Dresko, passed; budget requests by end of July; budget item - background checks
- Life Giving Spring: Moved - borrow $14K from Pt. Reyes funds (Dimitri S.), 2nd, Fr. John Dresko, passed
- Diocesan Bylaws discussions: Deans as voting members requires By-laws change, present change for upcoming Diocesan Assembly; discussion on Metr. Council Delegate terms, lengthen terms requires By-laws change as well
- Metropolitan Council: 2009 financial surplus, projected surplus for ’10; 1/3 council membership turns over, meets 2/year = difficult continuity in council; good working relationship; working to define role and responsibility of CCA
- Deanery Camps:
  RMD - Aug. 1-4
  PC - Aug. 4-10

- Status of Diocesan Loans:
  Merced: handout presented
  Manton: paying regularly
  Calistoga: paid
  Culver City: paid past due assessments,
  Tempe: nothing received

New Business:
- Appeals: next during Ss. Peter and Paul fast
- AAC: His Grace to chair preconciliar commission; 2011 Diocesan Assembly in conjunction with AAC (held day prior)
- Deacon Workshop: Pacific Northwest
- Pension Fund: Propose to correct inequity in Pension (Fr. John Dresko), 2nd Fr. - Michael Anderson; discussion, passed
- Seminary visitations: Fr. Matthew Tate, Fr. John Pierce (report distributed)
- Request: Fr. James McKee requests that stipend be designated “housing”, Move: Fr. Ian, 2nd Fr. Christopher Swanson

Next Meeting:
   June 23rd or 24th (?)