

MINUTES • DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING

Broadview Heights, Ohio

6 October 2014

I. OPENING.

The meeting, convened at the Crown Plaza Hotel, opened with the Invocation to the Holy Spirit led by His Grace, Bishop Alexander, Locum Tenens, at 5:11 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Bishop Alexander; Archpriest Paul Gassios; Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor; Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer; Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary; Archpriests Alexander Garklavs, Alexander Kuchta, and Basil Stoyka; Priests Nicholas Finley and Elijah Mueller; Mr. Samuel D'Fantis, Mr. Dennis Garlick, Mr. Barry Gluntz, Mr. Michael Herzak, Jr., Ms. Kitty Mabus; Ms. Ann Marie Mecera; the Deans, Archpriests Andrew Clements, Thomas Mueller, Timothy Sawchak, Paul Wesche, and Andrew Yavornitzky; and Mr. Philip Sokolov, Diocesan Chancery. Absent were Archpriest Theodore Bobosh, Dean of the Indianapolis Deanery, and Archpriest Nathan Kroll, Diocesan Council member. The day's Epistle and Gospel readings were read by Fathers Zdinak and Gassios respectively, after which Bishop Alexander offered reflections.

III. REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.

Father Zdinak reviewed a number of "housekeeping" matters in preparation for the Diocesan Assemblies. He proposed that Father Matusiak, Ms. Mecera and Mr. Sokolov serve as the Secretariat; that Archpriest John Memorich serve chair the tellers, which will consist of all participating deacons; that Ms. Mabus serve as Parliamentarian; and that Father Clements, together with Father Finley and Mr. Gluntz, serve as the Nominating Committee.

IV. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Mr. Koncel initiated a discussion on options with regard to Father Gassios' vehicle. There was no opposition to purchasing his car or reimbursing him monthly for automotive expenses.

Mr. Koncel reviewed the proposal to end the collecting of escrow funds and that funds already placed in escrow be used to balance the budget for the next three years, at which time a possible assessment increase could be considered. Upon motion by Father Zdinak, seconded by Ms. Mecera, it was decided to propose the budget as presented by Mr. Koncel.

With regard to parishes who are behind in remitting assessment payments, it was decided to review the circumstances facing the affected parishes after the election and consecration of a new diocesan hierarch.

V. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Hymn to the Theotokos at 8:15 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Garlick, seconded by Mr. D'Fantis.

*Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary with
Mr. Philip Sokolov*