

**FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**  
**Midwinter Meeting**  
**Antiochian Village**  
**Feb. 6th - 9th, 2003**

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm, Gigi Shadid

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. John Nosal

**Roll Call and Introductions**

**Visit from Bishop ANTOUN:**

Spoke about missions. He wants every region to send in a record of money given to missions, annually. "Missions have to be your projects." Make sure the missions in your region are sending a report every month to the archdiocese, stating how many active members they have and how much their income is.

He encouraged us to visit other region's parish life conferences, to learn more about each other and share information.

**Minutes of Summer Meeting:** Michael Deschenes for Claudia

Todd Mokhiber made a motion to approve minutes from summer meeting. Irene Saigh seconded it. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Michael Srour

Linda Simon made a motion to approve the report. Joan Farha seconded it. All in favor. Motion passed.

**President's Comments:** Servanthood and Guidance

You have to be excited about what you're doing and inspire the clergy and leaders in your region. Have good vision, leadership, and action!

**REPORTS**

Regions: *(written reports on file)*

Can-Am

Eastern

Midwest

*(broke for the night at 10:00pm)*

New England

Southeast

Southwest

Western

**COORDINATORS AND UPDATES:**

**Festivals:**

Immediately after the conference, you need to send your winning bible bowl team names to Esther Simbol or Michelle Nicholas in order to register them for the national competition.

**Food for Hungry:**

Can was passed out. Last year we collected \$157,000.

**Oratorical Festival:**

"For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Fr. Michael Abdelahad, Greg Abdalah, and Sara Bitar will get together to propose an idea of how to get more teens to participate. They will report to Julie Abboud and Fr.

Joseph Purpura with their proposal and bring it to the Fellowship body at the next NAC meeting.

**Fr. Joseph Purpura:**

Patriarch IGNATIUS has decided to hold a general convention for the Antiochian youth at the Balmand Monastery from July 7-14, 2003, "since the hope and future of the Church are in its youth," wrote Patriarch IGNATIUS.

His Beatitude and the representatives of the Antiochian Youth Movements abroad will be present.

Metropolitan Philip is going to send 7 representatives from North America

Goal: *to experience living together in the permanent presence of God, while uniting the youth*

Purpose: *To acquaint the Antiochians (the mother church), with the archdioceses abroad, more especially with the youth organizations.*

Participants: *half will be male, half female, between 18-35, know faith, articulate, can present well. Saidna Philip will choose people, one from each region. Fr. Joseph Purpura will be leading group.*

**Library Project Coordinator:**

Sara will send bulletin insert to parish and notify the fellowship when it's sent. Sara asked that the body emails her with suggested material for the 2nd set. Book labels will be made available on the website.

**St. Philip Prayer Discipline:**

Fr. James Kenna will be the new coordinator for the discipline.

**Alexa Younes gave a report about the teens.**

**Special Projects, Resource Book:**

Sonia Daly gave out resource book, which is a subset of the OCA resource book.

Parishes can request a resource manual

-every regional officer should have something that gets passed on from year to year.

-need input about resource book by April 1st to [sonzdaly@yahoo.com](mailto:sonzdaly@yahoo.com)

-local parishes will be mailed a table of contents of manual with an order form for the actual manual

**Parish Life Conferences/ Archdiocese Convention:**

Each regional president should send Mike Srour a name of someone who can be in charge of circulating a survey at their conference that the Parish Life Conference Task Force is holding.

*Coordinators not present, but all reports are on file:*

Young Adult Coordinator

Student Board

Website Coordinator

Dept. of Communications

Sacred Music Coordinator

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Festivals Medals:**

New England region uses icons of an angel, archangel, and seraphim instead of medals.

Eastern Region passed around a sample of the medals they use. Sara will send out contact information for medal company.

**"Giving Policy": proposal is on file**

- discussion took place on the criteria for giving and publicizing this policy. It will not be publicized outside of the NAC Fellowship body.
- suggestions were given on how to better the writing of the policy
- Mark Morrow will put together a suggestion to be included in the bi-laws explaining the mission of the fellowship, in regards to giving funds
- Fr. Joe Abud moved to accept the giving policy following the given amendments. Ray Reboulet seconded it. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Todd Mokhiber – chair of giving policy committee, Fr. John Nosal, Mike Srour members of committee

## **Regional Summer Camps**

### **Constitution and By-Laws:**

Recommendation was made for Exec. Board, w/ committee, to review the constitution and send it to the body by April 1st, with enough time to approve it by the national conference.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Parish Life Conference Task Force**

**The Word:** publicity, liason needed from the fellowship

Irene Saigh will modify the conference ad for the fellowship to put in the national convention ad book, as well as a modified version for the regional conferences

### **FSJD Pins and Booth Display at National Convention**

Joan made motion for Sonia to make a fellowship banner using up to \$1000. Todd seconded it. All in favor. Motion passed.

-Gigi suggested a fellowship pin

-Sonia Daly nominated Joe Samra for pr/marketing committee for fellowship to develop logo, letter head. Irene will be on committee

### **NAC Intro. Packet**

#### **Midwinter Location:**

some have expressed concern in regards to difficulties of traveling to the village every winter. Gigi is going to meet with the other organizations, to discuss possible proposal to the Metropolitan, regarding centralized location of midwinter meetings, on the non-national convention year

-Fr. Joe Abud made a motion to pay the balance needed to send representatives to youth convention at Balamand monastery. motion seconded by Joan Farha.

-Fr. Michael Abdelahad made an Amendment to the motion: motion not to exceed \$20,000. All were in favor of the amended motion. New motion was passed.

*Broke for lunch at 1:00. Reconvened at 2:00 with the Department of College Ministry's Student Board to discuss their involvement in the young adult fellowship.*

*Mike Srour made a motion to adjourn at 3:45. Mark Morrow seconded it.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**