

NAC Fellowship of St. John the Divine NAC Summer Conference-Los Angeles, CA July 24, 2001

The meeting was opened in prayer at 11:20 am by Fr. John Nosal followed by NAC VP Gigi Baba who welcomed the delegation. Gigi read a letter from Sara Maloley who was unable to attend the conference.

Fr. John Nosal spoke on the Epistle of St. James asking us to submit ourselves to God and be humble in the sight of the Lord and He will lift us up.

Secretary's Report: Roll call sheet on file. Julie Abboud moved that that minutes from the Mid-Winter meeting be accepted, Susanne Nahass. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene Haddad submitted the treasures report and 2001-2001 budget (on file). Michael Srour moved to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Fr. Joe Abud.

Regional Reports:

Gigi allowed each region to summarize their reports and reminded all regions that if they have not already done so then please send her a list of the regions new officers and chairs. Regional reports on file.

Coordinator Reports:

Festivals: Michelle Mike reported for Esther Simbol. All seven regions will be represented at the NAC Catechism Bowl. The Gospel of St. Matthew is the topic for the 2002 Catechism Bowl. Report on file.

Special Projects: Fr. John Nosal stated that the young adult conference held May 12-13, 2001 had an excellent attendance for the first year.

Fellowship Conference Planner was used by 6 regions. Kathy Abraham thanked Michael Srour for all his help with this program.

Habitat for Humanity Village Style was a new idea Kathy Abraham presented to help the Village in building new cabins. Report on file.

Food for Hungry: Robin Nicholas recorded that it appears that the record will be broken this year and she will be expanding the mailings this year. Report on file.

Oratorical: Julie Abboud reported that Gigi would be running the Oratorical festival this year. For next year there will be two changes to the rules which will be available on the archdiocese website. Report on file.

Kathy Abraham moved to accept the coordinator reports, seconded by Michelle Mike. Motion carried.

Old Business

New Regional Camps—Gigi encouraged all to spread the word about these new camps.

Web Site: Fr. Nabil Hanna has currently been overseeing this big project and suggests that a non-profit organization in Pennsylvania who is run by an Orthodox Christian begin to oversee this project and begin to integrate all website pages. To do this initial funding to convert the website into a database a one time fee of \$9000 with a monthly \$150 ongoing fee is needed. If we wanted a full time Webmaster it could cost up to \$100,000/year. Debrah Khalil made a motion to accept the \$9000 proposal in addition to \$150 monthly fee. Seconded by Fr. Joe Abud. Motion passed.

New Business

Library Project: This project is carried out on the local parish level by identifying local public libraries and providing them with 12 books a year related to Orthodoxy. This is a way to introduce to one's local community the Orthodox Faith. Gigi stated that more information would be forthcoming.

Susanne Nahass made a motion to send up to and not to exceed \$200 to purchase a spiritual related gift for Sara Maloley. Debrah Khalil seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Michael Srour made a motion to give \$1000.00 for the health of Metropolitan Philip and Bishop Antoun to each of their favorite organizations. Seconded by Susanne Nahass. Motion passed.

Elections were held and the new NAC board is as follows:

President: Gigi Baba
VP: Michael Deschenes
Secretary: Claudia Zain
Treasurer: Michael Srour

Fr. Joe Abud motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darlene Haddad. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Closing prayer led by Fr. John Nosal.

Respectfully Submitted
Yours in Orthodoxy,

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