

Minutes
NAC Fellowship of St. John the Divine
Summer Meeting
July 21-22, 2006

The Friday, July 21st meeting began at 7:45 pm with a prayer led by Father John Nosal.

We started with an ice breaker to introduce each other. We were blessed to be joined by His Grace Bishop ALEXANDER at this time.

The minutes of the Mid-Winter meetings were approved as sent.

Diocese Reports

The reports were presented and read. There were no additions to the reports. Kyra Pelachik president of the Western Diocese shared a wonderful slide show that highlighted the growth and happenings in her Diocese.

We were then joined by His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP who shared his thoughts and concerns. He stressed that Orthodox Unity is inevitable and it is God's will for all Orthodox faithful to be united. If all had the Antiochian spirit, we would have unity tomorrow. Pan Orthodox interaction is essential on the local and diocesan level. His Eminence hopes the Fellowship can be instrumental in bringing about Orthodox unity. The hope is to bring unity with diversity.

After His Eminence left, we continued the meeting but skipped down the agenda.

Metropolitan Philip's 40th Anniversary Celebration –

Father Joe Abud made a motion to take \$2,500.00 from the Fellowship reserve to give as a gift for His Eminence. Father Paul Hodge seconded the motion. It was suggested that Joan check with the ladies and Teen SOYO to make sure donations are coming from all organizations.

Father John Nosal asked to amend the motion to make a gift of \$4,000.00 to reflect \$100 for every year he has been Bishop. Robert Bayouk seconded the motion as amended. Motion carried.

We will also be having *The Nativity Meditation* that His Eminence wrote, artistically written and framed to be presented at the same time.

Oratorical – Peter Samore

* 1 Contestant from the Diocese of Wichita and Mid America can not make it to the Festival due to flight difficulties. It was suggested in the future to possible flip-flop meeting and oratorical to allow for more time to arrive. It will be officially changed on the schedule to reflect the festival to occur after lunch for future meetings.

* Peter continued to update the oratorical website

* All old plates were removed from old winner trophies and made into a plaque to be stored at the Village Center.

* Peter made a suggestion to change rules to reflect timing will begin with the first word of the oration. Father Peter Pier made a motion to accept the new proposed rule. Ester Simbol seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was the adjourned at 10:10 pm to re-convene Saturday at 1:00 pm.

The Saturday, July 22nd meeting reconvened at 1:00.

Project Updates

Bulletin Inserts – quarterly inserts will be distributed beginning September 2006 titled “Works of the Church”

Topics for the first four inserts:

September, 2006 -- Fellowship

December, 2006 – Department of Camping (to include all the camps and their 2007 dates)

March, 2007 – Creative Festivals

June, 2007 – OYO

(return to coordinators reports)

Esther Simbol – Bible Bowl

NAC needs to approve rules to be used at the Diocese and Archdiocese level as distributed by Esther. Moved by Father Michael Abdelahad, Seconded by Greg Abdalah.

Motion carried

Rules need to be sent out now so everyone is ready for next summer. Send to Montreal for Archdiocese Convention. – *Action: Esther Simbol*

New Business

2007 Convention – Motion to move the Fellowship meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday.

Moved by Mark Morrow, Seconded by Robert Bayouk. Motion carried unanimously. *Action: Joan will e-mail Father Michael Elias and Father Peter Shportun of the decision.*

Food for Hungry People – Robin Nicholas’ report was included in the packet. Over \$3,370,000 since 1975 as been collected. Suggested that we look into accepting donations online. *Action: Joan to contact Steve Barber*

Goal Setting

Joan facilitated a goal setting session to determine 3-4 goal areas (focus areas), NAC actions to achieve these goals, and suggestions/recommendations for the Diocese and Parishes to implement. The council broke up into four groups to come up with 3-4 goals for us to work towards. The top three goal areas and actions:

Goal One. Increase Pan-Orthodox Unity (Father Paul Hodge referred to it as: Reunion)

Actions

1. Increase Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Retreats (including OCF)

Action: Joan to contact Sonia Belger to see what is needed to increase number of Pan-Orthodox Young Adult events

Diocese: Regularly hold a Pan-Orthodox Young Adult event

Parishes: Regularly hold Pan-Orthodox Young Adult/OCF events

2. Education:

a. Council members will review and become familiar with the 1994 Ligonier Documents. *Action: Father Joe Abud to locate documents/video and distribute information via e-mail. Jamil Samara will look into making the video into a DVD*

- b. Have a guest speaker at the Mid-Winter meetings for all groups to hear on Friday night. *Action: Father Paul Hodge will look into possible speakers (suggestions: Father Josiah Trenham, Bishop Basil*
3. Establish a dialogue with other lay leaders. Have fellowship together – worship, pray, sing eat. – *Action: Alyson D’Arms to identify jurisdictional organizations and presidents*

a. Hold a reception or similar event and invite leaders, include worship. *Action: Nicholas Ellaham to contact host parish to see how/if we can invite other churches to some of our activities, and services.*

Diocese: Invite (personally or written invitation) lay groups from other jurisdictions to join you at the PLC events.

Parishes: Invite to parish events.

Diocese encourage hosts to invite others to all diocesan and parish events.

Parishes: organize area Bible Bowl

Goal Two Missions, Outreach, Evangelism (MOE)

1. Support a mission trip annually

Identify a trip we can tie ourselves to next summer. *Joe Zogaib and Father Michael Abdelahad will identify possible trips for NAC to vote.*

2. Sponsor others on Mission trips

3. Each NAC member will be a part of a MOE activity during their term and report to the council. (this can include local “mission” churches)

Goal Three Renewed Spirituality

1. Hold Supplication Services at the Montreal Convention during workshop times or insert with Compline. *Action 1: Judy Stanley and Father John Nosal will pick services, schedule, icons, working with St. Nicholas Church in Montreal* *Action 2: Nicholas Ellaham to get “History” of St. John the Divine for general dispensing*

Diocese to hold similar services at workshops and PLCs

2. Establish a “blog” to post thoughts, articles on a specific topic such as reflections on the book of Luke was suggested.

Treasurer’s Report – Robert Bayouk

2005-2006 Report was distributed to the council.

Checking account (as of 7/26/06) \$ 6808.54

Time Deposit (as of 7/26/06) \$59,755.29

Father Joe Abud moved to accept the report, Mark Morrow seconded. Motion carried.

2006-2007 Budget

Total Income: \$40, 500

Total Expense: \$39,800

Net \$ 700

Father Joe Abud moved to accept the budget, Seconded by Esther Simbol. Motion carried

Next meeting Mid-Winter February 2-4, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.