

MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH
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1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer at approximately 9:00 p.m. Surpazan Hayr, Syraun Palvetzian, Doug Tashjian, and all members except for Melina Spinuzza, were present.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted with the following revisions:
E. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LETTER AND BOOKLET:

The Membership Handbook will not include rules of Parliamentary Procedure as they are not pertinent to the average member. Lisa expresses interest in preparing a Resource Booklet which would include Parliamentary Procedure rules, to be sent to all delegates prior to the Assembly.

K. CALENDAR OF NATIONAL EVENTS

Our Diocese is co-sponsoring the camping trip to be held at the Western Diocese camp in July.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was not presented due to the absence of Treasurer Melina Spinuzza.

4. OLD BUSINESS

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR- October 28-30, 1988 - Greenfield, Wisconsin.

Laurie represented Central Council. Although only 10 members participated (with two from Wisconsin) the seminars and discussions were very enlightening. Having the clergy and speakers stay at the retreat center provided the opportunity to get better acquainted and feel more comfortable in asking questions.

HYE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER -- Watertown, Massachusetts
December 9 - 11, 1988.

Laurie and Suzie represented the Council. Again, only ten members attended, (two from Wisconsin - others from NJ-NY-Boston)- experience was worthwhile. Randy Dagley and Chuck Slagen were the speakers. Most of our time was spent discussing the earthquake tragedy in Armenia and praying for its victims. In the future, Syraun recommended having a speaker who is not as well known in that region.

ACYOA PUBLICATION--

Lisa briefly discussed the timeline. Schedule was reworked so that the entire process should be completed within a month. The first issue will include information on our earthquake relief efforts. Two articles will be written - one on efforts at airport hangar, and another on efforts initiated by the other chapters. All information on the efforts by various chapters must be submitted to Doug within the week.

The first issue (Winter 1988) should be out by mid-February. The Spring issue will be received by the end of March.

Once articles have been edited, they will be reviewed for content by appropriate clergy or Diocese staff members. At this time the cost for each issue is unknown.

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

Lisa has revised the handbook to include the constitutional amendments made at the 1988 Assembly, rules and regulations for the Archbishop's Tournament and Sports Weekend. The Constitution has also been included and the Calendar of Events was updated. Lisa requested that all Council members review the Program section as many changes were made at this year's Assembly. Lisa should be notified of corrections needed by the end of this week.

Timeline for project: Text is prepared -- Melina is checking prices on 5x8 3 ring binders that the text will be put into. The handbook should be ready by the end of March, to be sent to members upon receipt of dues. Lisa will assume responsibility for mailing. Scott requested that each Council member be given a copy at our next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY--

Has already been printed. Melina made the arrangements for typesetting. Lisa suggested we put the information on a computer as it will be much easier and less costly to make changes.

Copies of the Directory were sent to Council members only-- the general membership has not yet received them. Apparently, the Directory has been put on computer but needs to be coded. Scott said the Directory will be sent out shortly to all dues-paid members.

NATIONAL MAILING LIST--

Doug provided an update. Since making his list of outstanding chapters, Worcester and Cambridge have sent their updates. Doug asked that each member request updated lists from outstanding chapters in your region.

Doug commended Linda Minassian on the enormous time and effort she has given to compiling the mailing list. However, Father Baret and the Parish Council at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob are concerned regarding the amount of computer time used to organize our list. Doug suggested we purchase a computer for this office. Rhode Island is willing to sell their computer to us for \$1500.00 (original retail price was \$6000), as they wish to upgrade their system. Scott suggested that Doug look into purchasing one in the \$1,000-\$2,000 range (new or used) and request a check from Melina once he has decided which system to purchase.

CHAPTER A/ASSISTANCE PROGRAM--

On December 17 - a workshop on Youth Ministry was held in Watertown to prepare the Executive Board for their upcoming mission. Five sections were reviewed: community building, community profile, personal profile, the church organization/structure, and prayer. Each executive member will present a section to the Boca Raton chapter. These seminars will be held Friday evening and all day Saturday. The weekend will take place on January 27-29. This program involves the Chapter A recipient to help and guide a needy chapter. All present felt the program to be a worthwhile, but the question of what to call it brought on a lengthy discussion which was not resolved. The discussion was tabled- to be reopened at a later time.

ARCHBISHOP ESSAY CONTEST-

Scott will make an outline of new guidelines for the Council to review. He hopes the contest will receive greater publicity than in the past and topics which are more appealing. The guidelines should be sent out in May to allow members two months to prepare essays.

BUDGET-

Doug requested clarification on what should be covered by his budget and what expenses Central Council should pay. Surpazan Hayr suggested that the Diocesan Funds should be looked upon as a grant - and the Council must make a request for funds.

It was decided that the Diocese should pay for certain programs and Central Council for others. Syraun suggested that individual programs should be paid by the Council (such as Milwaukee and Watertown retreats) and overall programs (benefiting all members) should be paid by the Diocese.

AUDITING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES -

appointed as members of the committee -- Draft guidelines by March 31 so they can be reviewed at the April Central Council meeting.

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE -

Laurie will call Anoush and ask for the status on the situation.

MISCELLANEOUS -

Syraun asked what direction the ASP should take this year - given the earthquake which occurred in Armenia. Surpazan Hayr will speak to Vehapar about incorporating it into a relief effort. World Vision may be able to arrange the trip. Doug will inquire on possibilities.

The Internship Program should be promoted and included in our newsletter.

Ads should be placed for a College Director, and an ACYOA Junior Director - in the next issue of The Armenian Church, as it is the Council's responsibility to notify people of these job openings.