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Fall Delegates Meeting

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Meeting Attendees

Date: October 13, 2007 10:48 AM

Title of Meeting: Fall Delegates Meeting

Location: Worcester, Massachusetts

Name	Parish
Jamil Samara	St. Mary, Cambridge
Robert Laham	St. George, West Roxbury
George Matook	St. George, Worcester
Fr. Leonard Farris	St. George, Lowell
Fr. Isaac Crow	St. Mary, Pawtucket
Fr. John Teebagy	St. John, Dedham
Rassem El-Massih	St. George, West Roxbury
Fr. Michael Abdelahad	St George, Worcester
Michael Marge	St. Mary, Cambridge
David Franciosi	St. George, Norwood
Elizabeth Votruba	St. George, West Roxbury
Mary Anne Kourey	St George, Worcester
Fr. Dionysius Wilhelm	All Saints, Weymouth
Victor Kourey	St. George, Worcester
Nick Kourey	St. George, Worcester
Miriam Hyder	St. George, Worcester
Anna Hughes	St. George, Lawrence
Heather Feldman	St. John, Dedham
Don Khouri	St. John, Dedham
Ghada Khouri	St. John, Dedham
Danielle Kayal	St. George, West Roxbury
Tiffany Conroy	St. Mary, Cambridge
Sarah Hughes	St. George, Lawrence



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Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order by Michael

Opening Prayer

Fr. Michael Abdelahad

Secretary's Report

Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report

\$8157.95 is current balance. Just received \$1000 replacement check for a mystery grant from NAC last year that was never cashed. Thanks to the deanery for a \$500 check to underwrite Footlamps.

Footlamps Update

Ghada:

Four lectures are coming up. She wants to expand the marketing of Footlamps to other jurisdictions. Long term vision: A day or 2 weekend retreat where we all get together for spiritual uplift. Also maybe have a suggested book and have a discussion about it and perhaps tie in to NAC 'book-club' project..

Sacred Music

David: He's looking into having the choir festival during the Oratorical while the judges are away deliberating. Committee meeting on the 1st of November. There will not be a Christmas concert this year.



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Christian Education

They're going to the Institute at the AV the first weekend in November. There will be teacher training in Norwood during 3rd weekend in november, friday/saturday. If they have not been trained, please come. Mary Ann: In Montreal, Carol announced that Christian Ed is taking over the Creative Festivals in terms of standards. This year everything will remain the same. 2009 will have standardized requirements and judging across the Archdiocese.

NAC Report

Young Adult retreat hosted at Holy Cross was fairly successful. They're trying to have more retreats around the country. It would be good to do. We have received the Metropolitan's blessing to have a mission trip to AK on off years from national convention. We have received 2 of the necessary approvals. The intention is to run 2 camps in 2 villages. We're looking at the beginning of August starting in Kodiak. 5 days 4 nights for the camp. Return to Kodiak for pilgrimage for St. Herman of Alaska.

Conferences

Selwah: 2008 Conference Update. 2nd meeting was last week and we talked about the scheduling. The only thing different than last year is adding back in the awards brunch. People hadn't been attending that because of the cost. We're going to try to ask a few parishioners from the church to sponsor that to make it more affordable. Possible guest speaker discussed. Favorites seem to be Kh. Frederica Mathews-Greene and Al Rossi. Either might tie-in well with conference theme.

2009 Conference Update: There are two chairwomen who are working with David Haddad to get this off the ground. Looking at several different sites. There will be an update at the next meeting.

2007-2008 Goals

Parish Goals

We're going to have social, spiritual, and scholarly events and be a resource for the parishes if they choose to use that resource.

Diocesan Goals

Unity, Missions outreach and evangelism, spiritual renewal : our 3 goals. Some of our events are doing these already (ie footlamps spiritual renewal, young adult retreat=unity).

NAC Goals

Parish Ministry teams. We're something of an incubator for different programs.

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Charles Abdelahad sent a rundown of events that they've been attending. Making sure college kids in Boston know where/when church services are. Comedy night at Holy Cross, November 9th. Arabic night club Saturday night. They have been having regular Paraklesis every Wednesday at 6 at Cambridge.

Young Adult Retreat 2008

There is no update because Sonia gave birth. Good excuse. His name is Andrew Nicholas. Congratulations.

Diocesan Calendar

This is a project that Jamil started. This will help everyone see what's going on in individual parishes to prevent clashes/provide complimentary programs. Hopefully something that we can incorporate it into the website.

Diocesan Website

Jamil left us a great site at <http://www.worcesterdiocese.net>. We want to build it as THE gathering place for the information that we need. We will put Footlamps info on there as well as conference info. This is a major effort of ours because we are a resource for the diocese. This day and age, the best place for something like this is on the web. David: talked about a room in West. Rox. Had an archive of sorts, we could put sacred music stuff, fellowship stuff, etc. Jamil suggested to digitize and written documents and store them online. George Matook is now in charge of coordinating the web site.

Diocesan Mission Endowment Fund

Richard Robbatt and Fr. Joe Kimmett are in charge of this. David: Could we ask them to give us a report every time we meet? Michael: Sure. More info is coming.

Unified Notice

Fr. Michael: What some other diocese are now doing: Instead of individual organizations sending dues to the parishes, they send out 1 statement only. It would encompass SOYO dues, Fellowship, Ladies, etc. This would allow the parish councils to be aware of the fiscal responsibilities of the different organizations. David moves to pass the motion to do this, Ghada seconds. Passes unanimously.

Committees

We have a lot of work that we can do, committees would help make this a reality. Jamil came up with a good outline of these committees. Essentially, it's things like overseeing charitable projects, retreats, fitting into the different focus areas of the Fellowship.

New Business

Bob: St. George Boston has committed and hired a permanent, full-time youth director (Khalil Samara). They are committed to him for 5 years. Antiochian Village had complaints about the new dining hall not having air conditioning.



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We have a donor and are in the process of securing bids in the \$68-75k range. There is a donor for 4 more double cabins for younger girls.

Al-Kafaat: We had a very successful archdiocese board meeting last week and a very successful St. Ignatius meeting/dinner. A program was shown about the Al-Kafaat organization in Lebanon for disabled people. They handle 4500 people on a permanent basis every day. Sayidna has decided that, across the Archdiocese, we will be running fundraisers. Ours is November 11th at St. George, West Roxbury. \$100/plate dinner. There's an article in the current Word magazine about it. We have been asked to raise \$100000. Save the date. Make sure nothing is conflicting with this event.

<http://www.al-kafaat.org/>

Closing Prayer

Fr. Michael Abdelahad.

Adjourned 12:32 PM.