

## **ACYOA Central Council Abridged Minutes**

### **Saturday, September 21, 2019**

Attendance: Sona Dagley, Alina Grigorian, Rafael Grigoryan, Nora Knadjian  
Melissa Mardoian, Nick Tashjian, Arsen Yelegen, and Jennifer Morris (DYYAM)

- 1) Spiritual Reflection and Discussion on Saints
  - a) CC members reviewed a reflection on the life of St. Nooneh, and shared which saint has personally inspired and influenced them in their faith journey.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
  - a) Moved Treasurer's report to the afternoon session.
  - b) Melissa needs to leave at 1:30pm and requests to get ministries section completed first.
- 3) Acceptance of July Minutes
  - a) Minutes were accepted prior to the meeting via email.
- 4) ACYOA Clergyman Assignment:
  - a) Jennifer will follow-up with Bishop Daniel regarding appointing a clergyman to serve as an adviser for the ACYOA, to attend meetings and attend national programs.
- 5) Ministries and Outreach
  - a) Summertime Service Recap
    - i) Detroit, Bayside, Dallas, Chicago, Charlotte participated.
    - ii) Alina, Arsen and Jennifer will work to update the format by creating a how to guide with service suggestions and a new flyer that will be prepared and distributed in January, so chapters have more time to plan.
  - b) ASP 2019 Recap and Planning for 2020
    - i) Participants provided great feedback about their overall experiences.
    - ii) Participants expressed concerns about the Global Youth Forum with the challenges surrounding the language barrier and organization of the forum.
    - iii) Fr. Hratch is interested in leading ASP 2020.
    - iv) Jennifer will follow-up with the Primate.
  - c) Diving Deep Discussions
    - i) The August 25 Diving Deep was the "Think Bigger" where participants focused on large problems facing the younger generation. About 15 participated.
    - ii) Assignment of future facilitators:  
(1) Sona: October 27 at 7:30 PM (EST); Nick: Dec; Nora: Feb; and Arsen: April
  - d) National Fall Retreat Planning
    - i) November 8-10 at St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI
    - ii) Online registration is available and the flyer has been distributed.
    - iii) Discussed the theme and anticipated schedule, sessions and speakers.
    - iv) Jennifer will confirm the details of the opening session with Bishop Daniel and secure clergy for the weekend.
  - e) Chapter Connections Planning for 2020
    - i) In 2019 we visited 9 locations, 13 parishes.
    - ii) In 2020 we have brainstormed 12 new locations to visit. Sona will send an email to the pastors and chapter chairs to inquire about their interest and availability.
  - f) ACYOA Mission Program Planning and Discussion
    - i) Jennifer is working with Melissa and Alina on this new initiative.
    - ii) Discussed possible dates in January or February in either Atlanta or Baton Rouge where we have mission parishes.
    - iii) Jennifer is exploring service opportunities and will follow-up with the visiting pastors, as well as ask the Primate to appoint a clergyman leader.

- iv) Goal is to have registration ready by the retreat (early November)
- v) We will cap registration at 20.
- g) ACYOA-U Update
  - i) Melissa has brainstormed ideas to reach out to college students and help keep them connected.
  - ii) There will be one topic per quarter geared towards college students with conversations held via Zoom Video Calls.
  - iii) The first one will take place on October 13. Melissa will work with Jennifer to develop discussion questions.
- h) Bishop's 5K Planning for Fall 2020
  - i) Mallory has agreed to chair and work with Jennifer.
  - ii) Agreed to move from the Spring to Fall. Same three locations with the possibility of adding a fourth location.
  - iii) Dates and locations to be confirmed soon.
- 6) Communications (Arsen)
  - a) Email/website updates
- 7) General Assembly and Sports Weekend Updates
  - a) 2019 GA/SW Committee Report (Alina)
    - i) We reviewed and discussed the report submitted and will share it with the 2020 planning committee.
  - b) 2020 GA Update (Raf)
    - i) Will be hosted by the ACYOA Seniors of St. Hagop Armenian Church, Pinellas Park, FL
    - ii) Hotel contract has been signed at Postcard Inn on the Beach.
    - iii) There will be beach volleyball, but not the traditional sports.
    - iv) Brainstormed suggested names due to the change in the weekend schedule "ACYOA General Assembly at the Beach" or "ACYOA General Assembly and Beach Weekend."
    - v) General Assembly will take place all day Friday. By October 1 we need to inform the committee if we will need a meeting room on Saturday.
- 8) Committee Updates
  - a) Bylaws Revision Committee (Nick)
    - i) Nick will schedule a phone meeting with the committee and appoint a committee chair. On the call he will explain:
      - (1) Objective 1: explain the purpose of the change which is to allow for regional chapters
      - (2) Objective 2: allow the addition of stewardship.
  - b) 75th Anniversary Committee (Raf)
    - i) He will send out a doodle to schedule a conference call with the committee.
    - ii) Bishop Daniel wants us to think out of the box, and create something bigger than just an anniversary dance.
    - iii) Raf needs to have an initial phone call with the committee to explain Bishop Daniel's vision. It needs to be an event that celebrates the 75th anniversary of a Church Organization.
- 9) Central Council Chapter Liaison System (Nora)
  - a) Chapter Updates (all)
- 10) Treasurer (Raf)
  - a) Financial Report
- 11) Closing Prayer

The next ACYOA Central Council meeting will be on Saturday, December 7 in Hye Pointe, MA.