

ACYOA Central Council Abridged Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 17, 9:30 AM

St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, Richmond Heights, OH

Attendance: Ani Misirliyan (Chair), Jackie Russell (Vice Chair), Andrew Yenicag (Treasurer), Dn. Garen Megrdichian (Secretary), Mara Najarian (Communications), Sarah Tavitian (Ministries and Outreach), Alisha Panthier (Ministries and Outreach), Rev. Fr. Hratch Sargsyan (Pastor) Jennifer Morris (Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries)

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Hratch Sargsyan at 9:42 AM.

- Adoption of Agenda
- Diocesan Ministries and GIFT Update
 - a. Fr. Hratch mentioned some job openings for working at the Diocese.
 - b. Andrew mentioned clergy pictures and had them updated on the diocesan website.
 - c. Fr. Hratch mentioned having our Primate do short messages by video.
 - d. Fr. Hratch mentioned other projects and other resources.
 - e. Jenni mentioned and asked if there's any feedback on Virtual Ministries, Chapter Connections, or Podcasts.
 - f. Andrew asked if there's any other clergy who can address topics and issues on the Podcast.
 - g. Jenni mentioned promoting Retreat registration by Labor Day.
- Former Central Council Recommendation
 - a. Yn. Lucine via video
 - b. Mardig via Letter read by Ani
 - c. Maddie via FaceTime
 - d. Michael read the letter in person
- Review Central Council Roles and Responsibilities
- Review Liaison System and Updates (Jackie)
 - a. Follow up to make sure the line of communication is open.
 - b. Great job on getting August's emails out timely.
- Ministries and Outreach (Alisha and Sarah)
 - a. Recap ASP 2024
 1. 24 Participants attended and it was led by Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan
 2. Participants also surveyed their ASP Program, feedback has been very positive.
 3. Most people want to do a 3-week ASP Program in the future
 - b. Fall Retreat Updates
 1. Alisha suggested the idea called Made in His Image.
 2. Jenni suggested having thoughts and ideas about this topic.
 3. Sarah's idea for the retreat is Forgiveness.
 4. Jenni will meet with Sarah and Alisha on 8/26 to discuss ideas and review the retreat guidebook.
 5. It was decided to focus on Forgiveness for the Fall Retreat and Made in His Image for the Lenten Retreat
 - c. Virtual Ministries

1. Alisha thinks of ending Zoom and expanding it
 2. Sarah thinks the Podcast will continue and also mentions doing Motivation Monday's on social media
 3. Jackie also mentions doing highlight reels.
 4. Mardig is happy to continue the Podcast with Mara's help for the upcoming year.
 5. Thinking of an Instagram Live series for Lenten or a Prayers Series
 6. Suggested to do a Poll to answer questions on Instagram
- d. Podcast Series
1. Several ideas have already been brainstormed by Mardig and Yn. Lucine didn't get to include a podcast featuring Bishop Mesrop and talking about his vision for GIFT.
 2. The topic could be the Life of the Yeretzgin like roles and responsibilities.
- e. Chapter Chair Connections
1. Jackie thinks to continue with that and is thinking of doing them on Zoom.
 2. Sarah mentioned when she was on the Chair that they had trouble with people showing up.
 3. Jackie also mentioned that it'll have another chance to do another chapter connection.
 4. Sarah will reach out to the Chair in Detroit to follow up.
 5. It was decided that we will move forward with Quarterly Chapter Chair Connections for this year facilitated by Ani and Jackie.
 6. Chapter Workshop October 2nd, 8 pm on Zoom
- f. Chapter Connections Planning for 2024 - 2025
1. Jackie gives a rundown on what Chapter Connection events look like.
 2. It includes Group Discussions, Bible Study, Program and Calendar Planning, Goal Setting, and other topics.
 3. It usually runs from 10-4 pm with Lunch included.
 4. It was decided that Ani would email parish leadership asking who would like to receive a chapter connection.
- g. Mission Trip 2025
1. The dates will be February 13-16, 2025
 2. Michael explained what the mission trip program looks like and ran through the schedule and focus.
- h. ASP 2025
1. Bishop Mesrop will appoint clergy on who can lead the ASP Trip
 2. Suggestions were made of possible clergy.
 3. Jenni Suggested the Dates June 28-July 19 to not conflict with St. Vartan Camp Session C and Hye Camp
- Treasurer Update (Andrew)
 - a. Dues update
 1. 2023 Stewardship: Hartford still needs to pay the stewardship.
 2. Jackie asked the question regarding the Budget from the ASP.
 - b. ASP Income/ Expense Report - this will be reviewed further at the September meeting.

- c. Michael, Andrew, Ani, and Jenni went to a notary during a break to have the Bank of America paperwork notarized to remove Michael and add Andrew as the Treasurer.
- Communications (Mara)
 - a. Remind app and updates
 - 1. Mentioned that she will be creating a content calendar.
 - 2. Mentioned to update the ACYOA Archives page.
 - 3. Jackie asked when the flyers could come out for events.
 - 4. Mara will work on publishing the August Newsletter and graphics for the National Fall Retreat.
- General Assembly and Sports Weekend
 - a. General Assembly Minutes & Resolutions & Courtesies Report
 - i. The Central Council will edit the General Assembly Minutes by Monday, August 26.
 - b. Chicago 2024 GASW Narrative & Financial Draft Report Review
 - 1. Alisha thanked Jenni and CC for the job well done for hosting GASW 2024 in Chicago.
 - 2. Alisha also mentioned that the profit raised \$17,443.93!
 - 3. Mary will send half of the profit to the Central Council
- Committee Updates
 - a. 2025 GASW Committee Update (Sarah and Alisha)
 - 1. Alisha will introduce herself and Sarah as liaisons and state that they will be attending their meetings.
 - 2. Mara gave information regarding the Planning Committee for GASW 2025 in Detroit.
 - 3. Jenni asked how to be of support and if there was anything needed.
 - b. ACYOA Alumni Committee Update
 - i. The Central Council discussed potential committee member names for an Alumni Committee. Andrew will reach out to the list created to secure committee members.
 - ii. Andrew and Garen will serve as the liaisons for this committee.
- Goal Setting for 2024 - 2025
 - a. Jenni asked the Central Council to come up with goals they would like to achieve for the upcoming year and did an activity with post-its. All of the ideas were grouped in four main categories. She will type up the goals and ask for feedback. We will review them at the September meeting and each time we meet.
- Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - a. August 26, 6 pm EST/5 pm CST Sarah and Alisha will meet with Jenni via Zoom
 - b. September 27 - 29: ACYOA Central Council Meeting @ Holy Martyrs
 - c. October 2 Chapter Chair Connection
 - d. November 8 - 10: National Fall Retreat in Connecticut
 - e. December 6 - 8: ACYOA Central Council Meeting @ St. John Southfield
 - f. February 13-16 ACYOA Mission Trip
- New Business
 - a. Various Emails that have come through the acyoacc gmail

- b. It was discussed how to respond to various emails that have been sent to the ACYOA Gmail.
 - c. Jenni did a team-building activity called The Story of Your Name to help the new CC get to know each other better, and asked each of us to share our favorite Bible passage right now and explain why.
- Closing Prayer
 - a. The Central Council read a prayer together and concluded the meeting at 5:12 PM.