

ACYOA – ACYO-WD Central Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Via zoom

Attendance (VIRTUAL): Ani Misirliyan (Chair), Jackie Russell (Vice Chair), Maddie Ovassapian (Secretary), Michael Sarafian (Treasurer), Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Ministries & Outreach), Andrew Yenicag (Communications), Jennifer Morris (Diocesan, Department of Youth and Adult Ministries Program Administrator), ACYO Western Diocese Members-Ossanna Amran (Chair), Mheir Ohannessian (Advisor), Andrew Garibian (Treasurer), Alen Ashikian, Isabel Mkerdich, Candace Karasarkisian (Secretary)

1. Opening Prayer
 - a. Andrew Y. led us in an opening prayer.
2. Introductions & Icebreaker!
 - a. Each member introduced themselves and then stated their age, amount of years served, something fun she/he did this summer.
3. Overview of Recent & Upcoming Ministries
 - a. Both chapters shared their upcoming events being retreats, chapter connections, virtual ministries, Sports Weekends, summer camps, etc. Both councils share similar experiences.
4. Our Goals for 2023-24
 - a. Recent Highlights & Challenges We've Experienced
 - i. Goals for both include wanting to increase membership and both councils asked questions about the others in regards to keeping members involved. Both shared ideas and had many similarities.
 - ii. **Jenni shared a list of our events and Ani shared the report from last year.**
5. Closing Thoughts
 - a. There was talk of meeting again in the future.
6. Closing Prayer | [Prayer For Artsakh](#)