

ACYOA Central Council Abridged Meeting Minutes
St. John Armenian Church - July 13, 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM

Attendance: Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Sona Dagley, Melissa Mardoian, Nora Knadjian, Arsen Yelegen, Rafael Grigoryan, Alina Grigorian, Nicholas Tashjian, Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) and Diocesan Council Members: Fr. Aren Jebejian, Roseann Manoogian-Attar

9:00 - 11:00 AM

1. Spiritual Retreat

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Acceptance of the Minutes (June Conference Call Meeting)
4. Former Central Council Recommendations (See Appendix A)
 - a. Mallory and Ronnie both provided their parting recommendations. Mallory's primary recommendations were for CC to work timely and diligently, and recommended to not lose sight that the focal point of the ACYOA is the Armenian Church. Ronnie urged new members to speak up and be active.
5. Communications (Arsen)
 - a. Arsen needs to update job description because there is a huge learning curve for running the website.
 - b. Nick and Arsen will work with Douglas Tashjian for this month's alumni interview.
 - i. Meet the council posts are still in full swing
 - ii. Kat and Jenni will do a joint post for Meet the council
6. Treasurer
 - a. Financial Report
 - i. An update was provided on the money sent to Fr. Hratch for the Global Youth Forum.
 - ii. Diocesan Council recommendation to delineate the fundraising gains and expenses.
 - iii. Label line item 1004 as Donation for ASP so it doesn't look like we are losing money on ASP.
 - b. **Action all** Follow up with dues for your chapters for the previous years
 - c. Review of Bishop's run conducted. Great Success and feedback with ~\$7,500 raised
7. General Assembly and Sports Weekend Updates
 - a. Bylaws revision, GA and weekend
 - i. Considering hosting an informal weekend in Florida in lieu of no bids. Bishop Daniel will contact priests in the Florida churches.
8. Committee Development and CC Liaisons
 - a. **Everyone needs to reach out within the next two weeks by July 27th**
 - b. Bylaws Revision Committee: To be formed and Nick will be liaison.
 - i. Chapters can do individual fundraising and they send funds to the Central Council.
 1. Nick will begin to document the pros and cons of current state, regional chapters, and stewardship model. To be completed by next meeting.
 - c. 75th Anniversary Committee
 - i. Names of people were collected. Will pass on ideas to committee.

12:30 - 1:15 PM Lunch

Pre-Ten

Bishop Daniel recommended we have a priest who can act as a clergy advisor. We suggested four recommendations for the Bishop to consider.

1:15 - 6:00 PM

9. Goal Setting for 2019-2020
 - a. Ministries and Outreach
 - i. Review and Discussion of ACYOA Reflections: Discussion of consolidation, ACYOA-U
 - ii. Summertime Service: Arsen sent out email to promote
 - iii. ASP 2019: Evaluations to be sent after the trip as well as a post-trip meeting with Fr. Hratch and SIMA Tours.
 - iv. Fall Retreat: Theme to be about relationships, connected to communion
 - v. Diving Deep Discussions: Melissa will do first one and Alina will take oversight
 - vi. Chapter Connections: An email will be sent out asking for interest. Detroit requested one for August 10th.
 - vii. Discussion of new Spring Service Project - Mission Trip or Alternative Spring Break to mission parish
 - viii. ACYOA-U: Mission statement made, will do one quarterly.
 - ix. Bishop's 5K: Considering doing them in September and adding a 4th region. Jenni will finalize dates with Bishop Daniel by the end of August.

- x. SCOOYA: December 28th in NYC area. Women in Orthodoxy is the theme. There is some opposition to the date because it is a hectic time of the year with family and holiday celebrations.
 - 1. Suggested Saturday in September or MLK day in January
 - xi. AYO: Der Yeprem is very passionate and they are launching an ambassador program. They want us to help promote and find ambassadors.
10. Central Council Faith Rejuvenation - CC Homework
- a. Each CC member will have to work on their spiritual well-being after each meeting.
11. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting will be September 21st. Chicago IL. The second meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 7th, Hye Pointe