

ACYOA Central Council Meeting

Mardoian Home, Glenview, IL

Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Present: V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Nora Knadjian, Sona Dagley, Mallory Maslar, Melissa Mardoian, Nick Tashjian, Arsen Yelegen, Ronnie Malconian by phone, Jennifer Morris - DYYAM, Paul Mardoian and Lisa Esayian - Diocesan Council

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Discussion with Fr. Daniel** - Discussed the article "Giving It Up? Fasting During Great Lent in the Armenian Church"
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
4. **Acceptance of the Minutes**
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Financial Report (Ronnie) - Ronnie shared the end of the year report and the current 2019 financial report.
 - b. National Fall Retreat Financials (Ronnie) - Everything has been approved.
 - c. Dues Status 2017 and 2018 (Ronnie) - We have not received any dues for 2018, all the council members will follow up with their chapters to have them mail the dues to Ronnie prior to General Assembly.
 - d. Parish Assessment (Ronnie) - We received all but three parishes for 2018. We sent thank you letters to all of the parishes.
6. **Ministries**
 - a. Chapter Connections (Nick) - To date we have nine Chapter Connections on the calendar for 2019 involving 13 chapters.
 - b. Diving Deep Discussions (Melissa/Nick) - We have been growing in the number of participants. Nora is going to lead the next session and it is set for April.
 - c. Palm Sunday (Jenni) - Jenni shared the parishes from our list that would like visitors and we have assigned Central Council Members to visit.
 - d. Summer Time Service (Melissa) - Melissa and Arsen are going to work on a new flyer and music video for this years SummerTime Service.
 - e. Bishop's Run Updates (Mallory) - NJ has finalized their park and working on setting up everything else. Chicago and Boston are working on finalizing their parks.
 - i. Advertisement/Fundraising (Mallory/Arsen) - Arsen is going to make additional flyers.
 - f. ASP 2019 (Jenni) - We have 20 participants signed up. This year we have received \$5,000 in donations from The Dadourian Foundation so we plan to use \$5000 from the General Assembly and Sports Weekend profit to give all the participants the additional \$250 in scholarship to offset The Dadourian Foundation donation.
 - i. Itinerary - Jenni and Der Hratch have been working on the itinerary and the Central Council have approved it.
7. **General Assembly and Sports Weekend Updates**
 - a. GA/SW 2019 Updates (Mallory) - Registration will be ready to go live next week.
 - b. Potential Hosts for 2020 (Nora) - At this time we have not received any information about chapters interested in hosting 2020.
8. **Public Relations** (Arsen)
 - a. Social Media (Arsen) - Arsen will continue to post on social media and has been adding more to our stories for quick reminders.
 - b. E-blasts (Arsen) - Our open rate continues to grow.
 - c. Email/Website Updates (Arsen) - We have been continuing to received great feedback from the new website.
9. **Chapter Relations** (Nick)

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- a. Chapter Reports and Evaluations (Nick) - To date we have received one chapter report, we will follow up with all the chair's to complete their reports.
- b. Other Chapter Relation Goals (Nick/Sona) - We are looking into see if we can set up communication between the chapter chairs.
- c. Chapters - Changing Demographics - Active vs Inactive (All) We discussed the difficulties a lot of the small chapters face and plan to circle back after the chapter connections are completed.
- d. Action Plan for Transitioning ACYOA Jrs to Srs in Fall 2019 (All) - Discussed setting up communication between Central Council and the college age members and creating ACYOA U.

10. DYYAM Updates (Jenni)

11. New Business

- a. Discussion of 75th Anniversary of the ACYOA (1946-2021) - Working on brainstorming ideas and possible members of people to be on the committee for the upcoming anniversary.
- b. Schedule Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations 5/4/19, in Watertown, Ma.

12. Closing Prayer