

**ACYOA Central Council Abridged Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, February 2, 2024 at 9:30 AM EST**  
**St. Hagop, Pinellas Park, FL**

**Attendance:** Ani Misirliyan (Chair), Jackie Russell (Vice Chair), Maddie Ovassapian (Secretary), Michael Sarafian (Treasurer), Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Ministries & Outreach), Mardig Klachian (Ministries & Outreach), Andrew Yenicag (Communications), Jennifer Morris (Diocesan, Department of Youth and Adult Ministries Program Administrator)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Acceptance of December Meeting Minutes
4. Liaison System
  - a. Central Council made suggestions for Jackie to add to February liaison email reach out- fliers to add, podcast to be promoted, Bishops 5K to be promoted
5. Ministries and Outreach
  - a. Mission Trip
    - i. 19 people total
    - ii. Jenni talked through some details of the trip- departure, arrival, hotel rooms, will share family information this week, along with waivers
  - b. ASP
    - i. 20 people are registered, 25 is where trip will cap
    - ii. Budget will now change to having more than 12 people. All participants will receive the scholars
    - iii. Juniors ASP is a new initiative and will launch soon
  - c. ACYO-WD: central council will meet with them again to check in
  - d. Bishop's 5K
    - i. Half of proceeds will go to AYO/FAR for displaced families
    - ii. Fliers and t-shirts will be made, locations are below
  - e. Palm Sunday
    - i. The 2 places were decided and discussed- Michael will go to Florida (St. Mary's Hollywood) and Yn. Lucine will go to Hye Pointe on Sunday and then an informal visit at some point to Holy Translators
  - f. Chapter Chair Connections
    - i. Central Council will continue with this in February.
  - g. Chapter Connections
    - i. Worcester and Holy Martyrs were already done. Jackie and Ani will have theirs in Cleveland next weekend.
    - ii. Mardig and Michael's fell through, but they will follow up about a zoom date or another in person time in the Fall.
  - h. Podcast
    - i. There will be around 4 episodes total before GASW
    - ii. First was well liked and had great metrics (about 200 total listeners)

- iii. Central Council will do one together for the outgoing council to talk about experience- more to come.
  - i. Lenten Monday Night Prayers
    - i. Will continue with these this year starting next Monday.
  - j. Lenten Daylong Retreat
    - i. Jenni talked through the Retreat Guidebook (retreat theme is 7 “I Am’s” of Jesus)
    - ii. Yn. Lucine talked through the sessions and asked for feedback. Jenni will send out registration by the end of week.
    - iii. Maddie & Ani (Detroit), Michael & Yn. Lucine (Providence), Mardig (Dallas), Jackie & Andrew (DC). Dates listed below.
- 6. Review Goals
  - a. Council went through each of the goals. Will see if we get more chapters soon.
- 7. General Assembly Preparation
  - a. Nominating Committee Update
    - i. Maddie will follow up.
  - b. Auditing Committee Update
    - i. Michael will follow up.
  - c. Chapter Report Edits
    - i. Ani will send out the form by the end of March.
  - d. Der Mardiros video and Q&A about St. Nersess Vocation
    - i. Ani will follow up to see what he is thinking and also figure out how much time will be allotted.
- 8. Committee Updates
  - a. 2024 GASW Committee Update
    - i. Jackie mentioned that they are still working on fundraising and have raised \$10,000 so far. Prices will change every few weeks leading up to GASW.
- 9. Treasurer
  - a. 2023 Year End Report
    - i. Michael reviewed the 2023 budget and made slight changes.
  - b. 2025 Budget
    - i. Michael explained that with inflation, he increased prices by a small amount. Central council gave suggestions and Michael changed them- all reviewed at the end and agreed on the budget.
- 10. Communications
  - a. Social Media, E-Blasts, and Website (Discuss Program– Calendar)
    - i. Remind app was set up and ready to use now.
  - b. ACYOA Day Promo Video
    - i. Will be made for Palm Sunday/ACYOA day to be shown at parishes.
- 11. Fundraising Initiative
  - a. Andrew will look into cafepress and mock up a couple designs.

12. Next Meeting Dates

- a. February 10th: Chapter Connections (Ohio- Ani & Jackie)
- b. February 12th-March 18th: Monday Night Lenten Prayers 8pm ET/7pm CT
- c. February 26th: Chapter Chair Connections- 7pm ET/6pm CT
- d. February 27th: Lenten Retreat Review 7pm ET/6pm CT
- e. March 2nd: Detroit/Dallas Lenten Retreats
- f. March 9th: Providence Lenten Retreat
- g. March 9th: DC Lenten Retreat
- h. March 24th: Palm Sunday Visits (Michael & Yn. Lucine)
- i. April 3rd: CC check in 7pm ET/6pm CT
- j. April 20th: Bishop 5k (Detroit)
- k. April 23rd: Chapter Chair Connections- 7pm ET/6pm CT
- l. April 27th: Bishop 5k (Watertown)
- m. May 3rd-5th: St. Mark, Springfield, MA
- n. May 15: GASW check in- 7pm ET/6pm CT

13. Closing Prayer