



The Diocese of the West

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THE RIGHT REVEREND VASILY
BISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO AND THE WEST

Diocesan Council Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Meeting via Zoom

His Grace, Bishop VASILY, convened a meeting of the Diocesan Council with an opening prayer at 10:33 am on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

His Grace Bishop VASILY, Archpriest Michael Anderson, Archpriest Andreas Blom, Matushka Theodora Blom, Ms. Katie Huff, Mr. David Lane, Priest Daniel Lattier, Ms. Catherine Mabus, Archpriest Lawrence Margitich, Archpriest David Morrison, Ms. Dorothy Nowik, Matushka Elizabeth Powell, Priest Peter Runyon, Archpriest Kirill Sokolov, Archpriest Stephen Soot, Archpriest Alexander Vallens, Archpriest Timothy Wilkinson

Observers and committee members: Brittany Yeager.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as distributed

Bishop's Remarks: Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters it is good to address and greet you all. I'm currently in Western Colorado visiting parishes, missions and clergy on the Western Slope. The episcopacy is not honor, but work and St. Paul says that he who chooses the office of a bishop is choosing a noble task, but it literally translates to 'chooses a noble work.' We all have to work for the Church, and if we work together and walk together, the Lord will work with us and in us and through us, accomplishing His good, His divine work for the church through our unworthy hands. I'm very grateful to all people in the diocese and the members of this council, who continue to do this noble work of building up the church in our parishes and missions of this diocese. My calendar has been full, with a continuing travel schedule, a highlight being my visit to St. Eugene's camp in June. That was my first visit. Seeing how our work with the youth continues and actualizes in real life, in the real setting, made me very happy. I'm very grateful and very impressed with what I have seen. On July, I went to Milwaukie, Oregon, to ordain then deacon John Jensen to the holy priesthood. And I highlight this specifically because Priest John has been a part of our Priestly Formation Cohort. It's a second ordination to the priesthood from among the Priestly Formation Cohort, and there will be more ordinations from that cohort before the end of the year. That shows that this program, which is still a pilot program approved by the Holy Synod, is bearing fruit. The candidates were presented to the Holy Synod in the spring, and they were all approved by the. Father Paul Hamner has been transferred to the upcoming mission in Salt Lake City. We welcome Father Alexander Cadman into the diocese from the East coast, and also Father Tikhon Krueger, a recent graduate of St. Tikhon's who has been welcomed as an assigned priest in Colorado. I have been teaching necessary basics with regards to liturgics to the Priesthood Formation Cohort. I'm



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looking forward to the first Diocesan Assembly under my episcopacy, where we, as a Diocese will gather together. We will pray together and talk, discuss, and make decisions. I'm looking forward to this assembly and sharing my thoughts about the first year of my episcopacy so that we can reflect together on our common work. We will continue to proclaim the gospel and bring the light of Christ to the people whom God is calling to His holy church.

Chancellor's Report: *See attached.*

Treasurer's Report: Matushka Theodora Blom shared the current reports (attached). Expenses are growing due to the Utah mission, but restricted funds are set aside for that. Theodora will be reporting the expenses for Utah on a Missions restricted P&L, as it is the most compliant and hopefully a good blueprint for future Missions reports. We had a very good financial review, which was the first of many; we will need to have a professional financial review done every year as part of our Lilly grant acceptance. We have discussed the various ways to fund the SLC Mission and Theodora continues to recommend that we use the Mission Development Fund. We are using funds from St Peter the Aleut corporation (a closed mission) which would conceivably donate its funds to DOW. There are several steps to ultimately dissolving the corporation of St Peter the Aleut, and this will be a positive step towards using those resources to support new missions. Seminarian Support: with our increased 2026 budget divided across 14 seminarians, our scholarships would be \$3,500 per seminarian this year. Matushka Theodora suggested that we supplement the planned scholarship considering the current increase in giving across the Diocese. Would like to increase this year's scholarship to \$7,800 per seminarian. Suggest \$109,200 total for the budget for seminarian support. Archpriest Alexander Vallens makes the following motion:

MOTION: MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE DIOCESE TO SPEND AN ADDITIONAL \$60,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SEMINARIANS OF THE DIOCESE OF THE WEST IN
CALENDAR YEAR 2026

SECOND: DOROTHY NOWIK

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Committee: Dorothy Nowik presented the draft budget, attached. We worked to give everyone what they had requested. Discussion about line 6820. Explained bookkeeping fee is due to audit/financial review. Dean stipends have increased with workload. Consolidated travel expense lines. Change in salaries budget from 2026-2027 due to staff changes. The Finance Committee makes the following motion:

MOTION: MOVED FOR THE DRAFT BUDGET PROVIDED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE
THE 2026 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

SECOND: ~

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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Deans and Deanery Updates: (assignments, changes, and good news)

- *Pacific Southwest Deanery, Archpriest Michael Anderson:* We had our Deanery Clergy Retreat with a good response, enjoyed the time together. Visited more parishes in our expanded Deanery. Spent a lot of time in Hesperia, where there are 33 inquirers prepared to be catechumens, where they await a priest. There is a retired priest moving into that area, and the plan moving forward is that he will serve many weekends and feast days. The priest on loan from the Bulgarian Patriarchal Diocese has been covering much of the pastoral work there and will now be released from that responsibility.
- *Pacific Central Deanery, Archpriest Lawrence Margitich:* Busy summer with hosting DVP and Choir Practicums as well as the Priesthood Formation Cohort. Fr. Lawrence spoke about other pastoral changes in the deanery and the repose of Saratoga Choir Director Reader John Simmons.
- *Pacific Northwest Deanery, Archpriest Stephen Soot:* Laud Fr Solomon in Bend as continue to hear how well he is doing and how happy they are to have him. Recommend His Grace move that Mission to Parish status. In Corvallis we are excited about the Bp Visit, two ordinations: one Reader to Subdeacon to Deacon and a cohort participant Deacon John Gallagher to join the priesthood. Looking forward to the help and ability to begin visiting parishes in the Deanery again. Holy Annunciation Church will be consecrated in October.
- *Rocky Mountain Deanery, Archpriest Andreas Blom:* Currently visiting western slope missions. Priest Tikhon Kruger has taken office in Calhan. Priest George Khristich now serving in Helena, new experience building a parish. St John the Baptist planning to take on their own mortgage, bylaws, etc. as fully functioning parish in CO Springs, would like to note this only took 2 years. Bozeman church on path to be consecrated next year. Vibrant youth camp this summer, overflowing and looking at locations with more space for following years.
- Priest Peter Runyon, Missions Director: Working with Kuna ID mission about upcoming plans and St Sophrony Mission in Sequim.

Youth and Camps: Archpriest Michael Anderson, most camps at capacity this year, very good things happening. Growth is causing need for expansion and more volunteers. Glory to God! We are working towards having significant resources and opportunities to support our youth in the Diocese and will need to prepare.

Legal: David Lane shared an issue that has come up again regarding attorneys searching websites for images and documents that are copyrighted to sue institutions and individuals. Importance of IP ownership of images and articles used on websites and communications.

Compliance/Background Checks: A reminder for retired priests to stay in compliance with the background checks.



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Retired Clergy Fellowship: *n/a*

Clergy Wives Fellowship: Matushka Elizabeth Powell reported results from survey in May. Currently has 74 contacts of clergy wives in our Diocese. Survey results about retreat, book requests, etc. and have planned retreat around the results. Annual retreat at Monastery in Manton, CA. Would like a guest speaker, have asked Mother Melania and she is enthusiastic to speak with us. Asked for a \$1,000 stipend for Clergy Wives Retreat. Looking to see if we can offer a stipend to Mother Melania for speaking (honorarium). Appreciative of the Clergy Wives Luncheon being added to the DOW Assembly. PFC organized a retreat day to Calistoga Monastery, but only one response. To support the planned activities, Elizabeth Powell makes the following motion:

MOTION: MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE DIOCESE TO SPEND \$2,0000 IN FINANCIAL STIPEND FOR THE CLERGY WIVES FELLOWSHIP OF THE DIOCESE OF THE WEST IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026

SECOND: FR. MICHAEL ANDERSON **PASSED:** UNANIMOUSLY

Metropolitan Council and Pension Plan: *Metropolitan Council Report attached.* Archpriest John Dresko report on Pension Plan. It is getting healthier. 100% funded status by 2034. (see notes). From 2008-2024, the pension board had to take 15 million dollars from investments to pay benefits, and never missed a payout. 2024 was the first time in 14 years that money was returned to investments, and this has continued. At last Pension Board meeting, discussed changing advising firms. Have been using Morgan Stanley and after interviewing 4 different firms, approved moving investments to Hirtle company. (see notes for details and numbers).

Charities: *No functioning charities committee*

Thriving Parishes Project Update: Brittany Yeager shared that the Thriving Parishes weekend launches for participating parishes continue, as well as the modules. There will be an in person retreat directly after Diocesan Assembly for participating parishes, with Fr Evan Armatas presenting. Looking at what we will want to continue moving forward with Diocesan work after grant changes.

Home of Mercy: *Nothing to report*

Other Old Business: Archpriest Kirill Sokolov, Youth & Young Adult ministry grant application 'Ancient Paths for the Age of AI' in process. Will need to revitalize a committee to work and pray in this direction. We could develop a real department for youth and education. We have received the planning grant from Lily to assist us in application. Exploring Christian Practices grant was applied for as well, though less likely to receive.

- Draft put forward in Finance Committee section
- Nominating committee will meet soon



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- May 17-20 Mon-Th. Priest Retreat for DOW @ Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, CA (Fr Michael Anderson). No speaker secured as of yet.

New Business:

- The Council discussed the potential need for a staff communications director. Fr John Dresko has offered to support more.

Closing remarks by Bp Vasily: Gratitude to the Chancellor and everyone for their good works. It is an encouraging moment we are in.

Next Meeting: The last meeting of this year's Diocesan Council is scheduled for Oct. 20th, 4pm in Colorado Springs immediately prior to the Diocesan Assembly.

Closing Prayer: "It is truly meet"... Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm

Submitted by: Katie Huff, Diocesan Council Secretary

**Report of the Chancellor of the Diocese of the West
to the Diocesan Council
August 12, 2026**

Your Grace, Bishop Vasily,
Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters:

I will give a much shorter report than I did at our meeting on May 6. The fundamentals we discussed in May remain in place and in most respects today's short meeting by Zoom is intended for reporting back from to-do items of that meeting. In particular, we as a Diocesan Council resolved, at His Grace's prompting and with his blessing, to prepare for our upcoming Diocesan Assembly so that we as a Diocese can faithfully "meet the moment" of growth that God has blessed us with.

In particular, the Diocesan Council gave the Finance Committee vision and direction as it crafts the Budget. You were all sent the draft with your agenda and I look forward to hearing more from the Finance Committee and others later in this meeting.

I also look forward to hearing Matushka Theodora's report. We will hear that God is continuing to bless our parishes which leads to increased giving to them and ultimately to the Diocese as a whole and I look forward to discussing how we react in such a happy moment.

Fr. Barnabas Powell has been working closely with our pastors and potential seminarians and the seminaries to shape our contingent of seminarians for 2026-2027. We will have 14 seminarians this fall between St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's.

His Grace spoke about transfers and assignments and I summarized recent moves in a recent e-mail to the clergy that will be added to our web site soon. Relatedly, I had the honor of installing Fr. Alexander Cadman on behalf of His Grace in Las Vegas two Sundays ago and at the same time marking the official start of ministry of Fr. Paul Hamner in Ogden, Utah. We also hired a choir director for the Utah mission. I spoke recently with Fr. George Khristich who has begun his sacred work in Helena, Montana.

An anchor of the summer was the Practicum in Santa Rosa in July which brought together the Diaconal Liturgical Practicum, the second

Music Practicum, and our Priesthood Formation Cohort. My deep gratitude to Fr. Lawrence and the community of St. Seraphim Cathedral along with Brittany and all the instructors who made hosting 75 souls seem easy.

Another highlight of my summer was the invitation to accompany His Grace to the Pacific Southwest Deanery retreat. It was great to spend time with our fine clergy in that region and to celebrate the divine liturgy at St. Katherine's in Carlsbad.

The two ORSMA investigations in the Diocese that I reported on last time are, essentially, resolved. We will briefly mention a legal matter at that point on the agenda.

All of my expressions of gratitude from the previous meeting continue in more than full force! This time, I'd like to simply highlight the Finance Committee, our Auditors, and our Treasurer who do so much to keep us in compliance and functional and – at the end of the day, visionary – and thank God for all of them.

Much of my time this summer is spent in responding to the Lilly Endowment's invitation to apply for their Growing in Faith in the Age of Artificial Intelligence grant. The headline of this 2.5 million dollar grant is "AI" but at its core this grant funds ministry for youth and young adults who are, of course, growing up in an age that seems likely to be marked by the rise of AI. We are tentatively calling this initiative, "Ancient Paths for the Age of AI" with a nod to Jeremiah 6:16—

Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.

As we stand at the crossroads and continue preparing for this year's annual diocesan assembly, let's keep walking in the good way.

Respectfully Submitted, in Christ,

Archpriest Kirill Sokolov
Chancellor, Diocese of the West
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Diocese of the West, OCA

Budget 2027

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		YTD		2027	
Account Number	Account Name	Actual	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Budget
Income					
4010	Parish Remittances	744,082.50	1,020,000.00	73%	1,300,000.00
4030	Stewards of the West	17,298.35	35,000.00	49%	35,000.00
4110	Short-term Savings & CD Interest	7,009.38	20,000.00	35%	15,000.00
4120	OCCIF Operating Loan Interest	3,500.00	26,000.00	13%	26,000.00
	Total Income	771,890.23	1,101,000.00	70%	1,376,000.00
Expense					
6010	Compensation				
6011	Salaries	79,907.23	176,563.00	45%	168,000.00
	Total 6010 - Compensation	79,907.23	176,563.00	45%	
6020	Employee Benefits				
6021	OCA Pension Plan Contributions	13,460.41	25,000.00	54%	29,000.00
6022	Health Insurance	2,676.08	12,000.00	22%	15,000.00
6023	Life Insurance	1,373.76	500.00	275%	5,000.00
	Total 6020 - Employee Benefits	17,510.25	37,500.00	47%	
6025	Deans' Stipend	13,500.00	36,000.00	38%	36,000.00
6035	Payroll Taxes	1,726.47	9,000.00	19%	5,000.00
6040	Payroll Fees	369.24	2,000.00	18%	1,000.00
6110	Accounting Fees	7,500.00	2,000.00	375%	5,000.00
6120	Legal Fees	2,180.38	10,000.00	22%	10,000.00
6130	Misc. Professional Fees	0.00	500.00	0%	1,000.00
6220	Chancellor's Travel	757.57	18,000.00	4%	18,000.00
6230	Diocesan Council Meeting	12,363.59	20,000.00	62%	20,000.00
6235	Deans' Meeting	0.00	6,000.00	0%	6,000.00

6240	Diocesan Hierarchy Travel	11,422.89	50,000.00	23%	50,000.00
6260	Diocesan Travel	738.87	32,000.00	6%	30,000.00
6265	Visiting Clergy Travel	2,231.22	0.00	0%	3,000.00
6310	Office Expenses & Supplies	1,347.87	3,000.00	45%	3,000.00
6315	Office Equipment	0.00	1,000.00	0%	2,500.00
6320	Diocesan Hierarchy Cell Phone	0.00	1,400.00	0%	1,200.00
6325	Office Cell Phone	265.86	700.00	38%	700.00
6335	Accounting Software	1,933.20	1,500.00	129%	2,000.00
6345	Web Site Maintenance	0.00	2,400.00	0%	2,400.00
6370	Bank Charges	95.00	150.00	63%	150.00
6380	Postage	170.56	500.00	34%	500.00
6420	Property & Liability Insurance	5,738.00	7,000.00	82%	7,000.00
6430	Workers' Comp Insurance	2,704.04	3,000.00	90%	3,000.00
6510	Mission Priest Stipend	34,400.00	75,000.00	46%	90,000.00
6560	Mission Development	8,543.38	15,000.00	57%	15,000.00
6610	Deanery Activities				
6611	Desert Deanery	4,000.00	4,000.00	100%	-
6613	Pacific C Deanery	693.39	4,000.00	17%	5,000.00
6614	Pacific NW Deanery	4,000.00	4,000.00	100%	5,000.00
6615	Pacific SW Deanery	4,960.00	4,000.00	124%	5,000.00
6616	Rocky Mountain Deanery	644.26	4,000.00	16%	5,000.00
	Total 6610 - Deanery Activities	14,297.65	20,000.00	71%	
6620	Youth Activities				
6622	Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00	0%	2,000.00
6623	Mission Deanery - Youth Activities	0.00	1,000.00	0%	0.00
6624	Pacific Central Deanery - Youth Activities	0.00	3,500.00	0%	3,500.00
6625	Pacific Northwest Deanery - Youth Activities	2,500.00	2,500.00	100%	2,500.00
6626	Pacific Southwest Deanery - Youth Activities	0.00	1,500.00	0%	1,500.00
6627	Rocky Mountain Deanery - Youth Activities	0.00	1,500.00	0%	2,000.00
	Total 6620 - Youth Activities	2,500.00	11,000.00	23%	
6630	Liturgical Education and Training	0.00	2,000.00	0%	2,000.00
6640	Clergy Health & Wellness				24,000.00

6650	Liturgical Supplies	0.00	1,000.00	0%	1,000.00
6670	Clergy Pre-Assignment Assessment	1,800.00	3,500.00	51%	3,500.00
6710	Appeal Preparation and Mailing	0.00	2,000.00	0%	2,000.00
6720	Postage for Appeals	0.00	2,500.00	0%	2,500.00
6730	Online Donation Fees	660.94	700.00	94%	1,000.00
6810	Department of Charities				
6811	Gobezie Goshu Home in Ethiopia	0.00	2,000.00	0%	-
6813	Project Mexico	0.00	2,000.00	0%	-
6814	General Charities				5,000.00
6816	Discretionary Fund	2,400.00	4,000.00	60%	5,000.00
6817	Orthodox Christians for Life	0.00	1,000.00	0%	-
	Total 6810 - Department of Charities	2,400.00	9,000.00	27%	
6820	Seminarian Financial Aid	0.00	50,000.00	0%	156,000.00
6830	Intern Program	8,000.00	15,000.00	53%	15,000.00
6840	Music Department	1,028.06	1,000.00	103%	1,000.00
6850	Matushki Activities				1,000.00
6860	Refundable Disbursements	0.00	2,500.00	0%	2,500.00
6865	TPP Contribution	0.00	55,000.00	0%	70,000.00
6910	Central Church Support	253,011.85	340,000.00	74%	442,000.00
6930	AAC Expenses	0.00	18,000.00	0%	20,000.00
7010	Diocesan Assembly	0.00	10,000.00	0%	10,000.00
7020	Fort Ross Event	1,450.00	3,000.00	48%	3,000.00
7030	Pan Orthodox Activities	0.00	2,000.00	0%	2,000.00
7040	Extraordinary Event	24,000.00	0.00	0%	-
7110	Duboche House Expenses	20,110.51	35,000.00	57%	45,000.00
	Total Expense	538,588.52	1,093,413.00	49%	1,374,450.00
	Net Income (Loss)	233,301.71	7,587.00	3075%	1,550.00

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPORT
8-12-2026

There were two meetings held by the OCA Metropolitan Council since the last DOW parish council meeting.

The first meeting was on June 12, 2026 via Zoom. In attendance from the DOW were diocesan representative Kevin Duffy and MC member-at-large David Lane.

Metropolitan Report: His Beatitude welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the importance of planting grants to build up and strengthen the church. He mentioned in particular the Lilly grants which help provide for growth and expansion of the church, and also individual support of clergy.

He referenced that the church had been blessed by the Hand of God with the receipt of a substantial bequest from the Dominick family which can be used for the acquisition of a new chancery. There was a possible property which was becoming available for the Metropolitan's residence and the chancery. This had been brought to the Holy Synod who have unanimously already approved pursuing this with their support and blessing.

Chancellor Report: Fr. Alessandro reported on the background and history of Joseph and Therese Dominick and their support of the OCA and SVOTS and their love for Christ and the church. He expressed hope for their eternal memory.

The meeting then went into executive session to discuss the possible purchase of property for the Metropolitan's residence and chancery. A motion to set parameters for an offer and the negotiation for the purchase of a property was approved.

General Counsel Report: Mark Hamilton reported that there were some legal matters which arose which had a minimal value but they required the approval of the Metropolitan Council to be settled. He requested that the settlement of such matters by the legal committee for not more than \$5,000 after notice to the OCA officers, the blessing by the Metropolitan and support of the officers without needing to have a meeting of the Metropolitan Council be permitted. All such settlements would be reported at the next MC meeting.

The motion for such approval was passed.

Secretary Report: Fr. David Bozeman reported on the Planting Grant proposed modifications. These would provides grants for three years for growing missions. The grants would provide a maximum of \$60,000/\$48,000/\$30,000 over the three years. It would now permit some outside employment. These are partially funded by a grant and an annual donation. It is hoped that there will be more applications for these funds.

Donation Report: Fr. Alessandro reported that a bequest has been received from the

David Bass estate of approximately \$73,000. The bequest was for a specific purpose for increased information and promoting regarding the OCA. He requested approval to expend approximately \$15,000 for the production and publication of the Metropolitan's speeches and writings; \$25,000 a photo album depicting the OCA cathedrals, seminaries, etc.; \$30,000 for the design and production of official gifts to be presented by the Metropolitan such as a custom cross; the remainder would be reserved for future determination. The motion was approved.

Metropolitan Closing: His Beatitude expressed his gratitude for the actions taken at the meeting, for the growth of the OCA, and for the providential gifts which he attributed to the Glory of God supporting the OCA. He reminded that we all need to remember that we are living by God's Grace.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by His Beatitude

The next meeting was on August 4, 2026 via Zoom. In attendance from the DOW were diocesan representative Kevin Duffy and MC member-at-large David Lane.

Metropolitan Report: He reported that he had been able to vacation with his family in the French Alps. He has been attending several Diocesan meetings, parishes, seminaries and been active for the OCA.

ABP Alexander has retired from the DOS so His Beatitude attended the DOS assembly for the nomination of the successor. Bishop Gerasim was nominated to the position and the Holy Synod will be meeting to fill the position.

He expressed his pleasure at the progress being made toward the purchase of the new residence and chancery.

Secretary Report: The meeting went into executive session and Fr. David Bozeman reported on the progress toward the acquisition of the property for the new chancery. It was expressed that this remained a confidential matter as it was ongoing, The meeting resumed in open session.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Smith reported that the OCA had been invited to apply for a new Lilly grant - the New Church Initiative Grant. The grant was only available to those who received an invitation and it was a good sign that the OCA received it. The application is to be filed prior to August 19 and one of the requirements for it was a financial audit. Normally the financial audit would be presented at the MC October meeting but this would be presented at this meeting in order to permit the application for the grant. If the OCA receives it, it would result in \$5,000,000 with a required match of \$1,000,000. The grant would be for missions to be developed. The requirements will be determined if the grant is received.

He then presented the auditing firm who had audited the 2025 finances and issued a clean opinion. The audit showed that there had been progress in 2025. The total net assets were \$8,780,973 of which \$7,221,844 were with donor restrictions.

There was a net increase in the net assets from operations without restrictions in the amount of \$125,351. However, there as a legal settlement in the amount of \$225,000 which lead to a net loss of \$99,649 in the unrestricted funds.

Andrew commented that this was a “really good financial picture”. A resolution accepting the report was adopted.

General Council Report: The MC went into executive session to discuss the sale of the Westwood Chancery. A resolution was adopted with provisions for options regarding the pending sale and authorizing the OCA officers and property committee options to proceed

Secretary Report: Fr. David reported on a new grant which the OCA was developing, the Growing Spaces Grant. This grant is for missions which are growing and need to have a larger space, either a rental or a purchase. The grant will assist with this by providing funds over a three year period. 60%, up to \$3,000 per month, 40% up to \$2,000 per month, and 20%, up to \$1,000 per month for the rental or purchase payments. It is contemplated that there will be three or four awards each year which would result after the program was fully functional of approximately \$216,000 per year. There has already been an initial donation toward this program of \$200,000. Further information will be available shortly. It is hoped that information will go out so that as many missions as possible can take advantage of this.

They are also considering a Parish Revitalization program which may be developed in the future.

New Employee for the OCA: A new clergy member has been hired as part of the OCA staff and requested that there be a housing designation designated from his salary. This was approved.

A comment was made by a MC member who is an accountant that all clergy should be aware of the clergy housing provisions. She had attended a program in which this was discussed and it was emphasized that the Clergy should designate a maximum amount as, if it was not all used, the only thing which needed to be done was to report the excess as income. Questions about this need to be addressed to each persons accountant.

Metropolitan Closing: He commented that he had been packing and was looking forward to moving once the new residence was completed. He is so grateful for God’s providence with our increased growth, and the donations and grants which have been received. It is necessary that the gifts be planned and used wisely.

The meeting was closed by His Beatitude with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
David Lane for the DOW members