Minutes of the Diocesan Assembly of the Diocesa of Philadelhis and Penna, held on June 27, 1970 at St. Tikhon's Monastery-Seminary, South Canaan, Pa.

THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND PENNSYLVANIA INCLUDING THE DEANERIES OF FRACKVILLE, PHILADELPHIA, AND WILKES-BARRE WAS HELD ON JUNE 27, 1970 AT ST. TIKHON'S MON-ASTERY-SEMINARY, SOUTH CANAAN, PA.

An opening Molieben was served by Rev. Joseph Swaiko of St. Tikhon's Seminary and immediately following, the delegates assembled at the Seminary and the meeting was officially opened with the prayer "O Heavenly King..." at 10:10 a.m.

The Delegates Attendance Record is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The number in attendance was as follows:

27	Clergy	Delegates
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Father Paul Holoviak, Berwick and Father John Rachko, Edwardsville were nominated as Clergy Vice-Presidents of the Assembly. A hand vote was taken and Father Rachko was elected.

Russell Dugan, Edwardsville was nominated to serve as Lay Vice-Presedent of the Assembly. There being no other nominations, Mr. Dugan was elected.

Upon the recommendation of His Eminence, Archbishop Kiprian, Fr. Joseph Martin, McDoo was elected to serve is Clergy Secretary of the Assembly.

Being unable to nominate a Lay Secretary, Russell Dugan relinquished the chair as Lay Vice-President and volunteered to serve as Lay Secretary of the Assembly.

Steven Kundrat, Berwick was unanimously elected to serve as the Lay Vice President of the Assembly.

The Agenda which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof, was read and distributed by Fr Joseph Swaiko. A discussion was held on the sganda and the body agreed to add the following items:

1. Missionary Activities.

2. Report of trip to Moscow to receive Tomos by Stephen P. Kopestonsky.

3. Report of forthcoming premiers of the film "The Good Seed."

A motion was made to accept the amended Agenda by Fr. Paul Holoviak, seconded by Fr. John Kuchta, and was passed unanimously. It was agreed by the Assembly to use Roberts Rules of Order as a guideline for conducting this meeting. His Eminence, Archbishop Kiprian gave his report which included the following: The new Holy Trinity Church of Wilkes—Barre was consecrated last September 1969 by Metropolitan Ireney and Bishop Kiprian. New Parish homes were blessed in Frackville, Catasagua and the Holy Trinity of Wilkes-Barre. He reported that the church in Baltimore was destroyed by fire and a decision will shortly be made as to whether the Church will be rebuilt on the same site or whether a new site will be acquired for the church. In the meantime, services are being conducted in a Methodist Church. He further reported that the SS. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church of Phila. requestes to come under the spiritual care of our diocese and after agreeing to adhere to all the policies of our Metropolia, they were temporarily admitted to the diocese. It was also brought out that a new parish home is being builtin Berwick.

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His Eminece then reported that the most historical and glorious occurrence of the year was the granting of the Tomos (decree
granting autocephaly) to the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic
Church of America (Metropolia) by the Patriarch of Moscow, establishing the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America. After
striving for this goal for many, many years, the document granting independence to our church which made it a sister church of
other independent Orthodox churches was signed on April 10, 1900.
The Tomos was presented to a delegation of the Metropolia at
official ceremonies held in Moscow on May 18, 1970.

His Eminence then went on to mention that the first great act of our new Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America will take place at The Church of the Resurrection, Kodisk, Alaska on August 9, 1970. It was here that a monk, Father Herman of Spruce Island, who did missionary work in Alaska from 1794 to his death in 1837, became the first saint of the Orthodox Church canonized in this hemisphere. It is believed that he is the first saint of any church who was ever canonized in the Western hemisphere.

In concluding his report, His Eminence said that it took many years for our church leaders to acquire the independence of our church that we now cheerish and he asked all the clergy and laity to cooperate and work diligently to promote our new independent church and Orthodoxy to even greater heights in this great country of ours.

There being no questions the report of His Eminence, it was accepted as given.

The Secretary's report was given by Fr. Joseph Swaiko. He reported that 3 meetings of the Diocesan Council were held during the past year. Two other meetings were cancelledbecause of inclement weather and the unavailability of council members for the dates the meeting was scheduled. He reported that the attendance of the lay members of the Council at meetings this past year was very poor thus depriving the laity of our dioceses inadequate representation.

Russell Tatusko was appointed the Treasurer of the Diocese and the lay delegate to the Metropolitan Council. Since Mr. Tatusko is now the treasurer, the funds from the checking account was transfered from the Philadelphia bank to a Frackville bank. The savings account and bank certificates however, remain in the Philadelphia bank.

Fr. Swalko further reported that is, was called to our Treasurer's attention that the parishes of our diocese were not notified of the new assessment. Fr. Sawiko stated that this matter was acted upon at the Diocesan Council meeting held on October 1, 1969. A motion was passed assessing all parishes of the diocese \$1.00 per year for every adult member of their parish using the census figures of the Metropolia. All parishes were notified through their priest of this new assessment and that payments were to be made at the beginning of each quarter. Three additional notices were mailed to each parish pleading that these monies be paid promptly. Therefore, no parish can't use the excuse that they didn't pay their assessment because they were not notified of the new rate. It was pointed out that because of the parishes neglect to send in their dues to the Diocesan Council promptly, the council nad no money in the funds to operate. It was urged that the parishes send in their yearly assessment at the beginning of the year or make quarterly payments on or before the beginning of each quarter.

He reported that V. Rev. Daniel Hubiak who is the treasurer of the Metropolia was invited to attend today's sessions to speak to the delegates of the etropolia's financial status. He will appear before the group before today's sessions are adjourned. He then read the names of the clergy who will not attend this assembly because of other business or sickness: Taby were Fr. Slepecky and Father Nowitsky.

Fr. Rachko asked if there were any questions regarding the Secretary's report and it was brought up from the floor that at least year's assembly, it was suggested that a more convenient date be set for council meetings. It was felt that a Friday evening or Saturday would be amore convenient and appropriate time to hold such meetings. It was also suggested that the place of the meetings be more centrally located to afford all council members an equal opportunity to attend these meetings. It was recommended that the Diocesan Council take these matters into consideration at their next meeting. The delegates feld this was an important issue to be resolved.

A motion was made by Fr. Adam Krell to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Fr. Michael Chanda. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Russell Tatusko who informed the assembly that sime he took over as treasurer this past December, many problems were encountered as a result of incomplete financial records. Actually, we are starting anew as of January 1. He requested that all parishes check their records with him in order to each a reconciliation as of the beginning of this year. He asked all to be patient until these problems are resolved.

He presented a Financial Report of the diccese as of today which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

He reported that the Bishop's salary was paid to April of this year. He also stated that their was some confusion regarding the missionary funds for St. Andrew's Church. We have two churches with the same name who are in the process of raising funds. One is the new parish in Dallas, Pa. and the other is the parish in Baltimore whose church was destroyed by fire.

He requested that the auditors check the financial records and give their report today.

A motion was made by Fr. Daniel Donlick to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Frank Rusinko. Motion passed.

The Auditor's report will be given before the conclusion of today's assembly.

OLD BUSINESS:

The matter of the short form census questionnaire was again brought up from the floor. Fr. Smaiko reported that because of the lateness the questionnaire was postpones and the diocesan cuncil agreed to use the Metropolia's gigures for assessing the parishes at the meeting held Octobe 1,,1969.

It was again brought out that the assessment to the diocese is the responsibility of each parish and not the individuals of the parish. It is the obligation of the parish to pay \$1.00 for each person on their rolls who is over 18 years or over. There are no exoneratins as far as the diocese is concerned. This assessment is payable at the beginning of the fiscal year and not the end of it. If a parish desires, they may pay 4 of the yearly dues at the beginning of each quarter which is Junel, September 1, December 1, and March 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Demnery Reports:

The Wilkos-Barre Deanery report was distributed to all by Fr. George Pawlush.

The Frackville Deanery report was orally given by Fr. Daniel Pavelchak who reported everything was status quo.

No report was given for the Philadelphia Deanery.

Fr. Paul Holoviak spoke of the premiere showing of the film "The Good Seed" which will be held at the Le Chateau, White Haven, Pa.om Sunday, July 12, 1970. The 30 minute sound and color fim was sponsored by the Alumni Association of St. Tikhon's Seminary and depicts the life of a seminarian at St. Tikhon's. Master-Craft Studios estimated the value of the fim to be from \$15,000 to \$20,000.00 The cost of producing the film was greatly reduced as a result of the efforts of Fr. Walter Lecke who did most of the photographing. Fr. Holoviak said that an effort will be made to raise additional money to repositue additional copies of this film so that it can be shown throughout the nation to help promote Orthodoxy in this country. He asked all to get behind this project and to attend the promiere showing.

BUDGET:

A motion was made by Russell Dugan to adopt the budget of last year in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the forthcoming year and seconded by Steven Kundrat.

A motion was ammoded to increase the Bishop's salary to \$300.00 per month. Much discussion was held on the matter and after agreeing that it wasn't practical to increase the budget at this time, the american motion was withdrawn and vote taken on the original motion. Motion passed

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

The marking was reconvened at 1:30 pm.

Fr. Doniel Hubiak, Treasurer of the Metropolia spoke of the finencial status of the Metropolia. He mentioned that the new \$5.00 assessment began in 1968 and he distributed a report of the collection for our diocese from 1968 through June 15, 1970. A copy of this report is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This report also shows the monies collected for the United Appeal fund raising drive. He reported that our diocese is one of the best in meeting their obligation to the Metropolia.

He mentioned that alay representative of the Metropolia's Department of Finance will be happy to speak to any parish to explain the financial program. He mentioned that for the 6,980 members in our diocese, prior to the \$5.00 assessment, the collection for our diocese averaged \$1.50 per person. Since the new assessment, it has increased to \$3.30 perperson.

Forms are sent to each parish at the beginning of each year to determine what would be anticipated as income from the \$5.00 assessment. The name of each parish starosta is also requested so that reports and literature can also be sent to him in addition to the parish priest.

He pointed out that he is the only cleric on the Department of Finance, all other members being laymen. Financial Reports for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1969 were distributed. Additional copies can be obtained from the Metropolia if desired.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES: (1 clergy and 1 layman from each deanery. 1 clergy and I layman at large) Bishop appoints I cleggy as Secretary.

Philadelphia Deanery: Fr. Vladimir Borichevsky by Fr. D. Donlick.

William Conco by Fr. Andrew Goidich. Frackville Deanery: Fr. Daniel Pavelchak by Frank Rusinko. Fr. Joseph Martin by Fr. Elias Krenitksy.

Russell Tatusko by Fr. John Kuchta. Wilkes-Barre Deanery: Fr. John Rachko by Fr. George Pawlush.

Russell Dugan by Russell Rudaski.

Delegates at large: Fr. Joseph Swaiko, appointed as secretary delegate by His Eminenco, Archbishop Kiprian. Russell Rudaski by Russell Dugan. Frank Rusinko by Fr. John Rachko.

In the cases where there is opposition, the delegates nominated left the room and a stand up vote was taken to elect the delegates. Elected were Fr. Martin for the Frackville Deanery and Frank Rusniko as delegate

It was pointed out that the council selects their own treasurer and the clergy and lay delegate to the Metropolitan Council.

DIOCESAN COURT: (3 clergy and 3 laymen elected at Elarge)

The dean from each deanery, namely Fr. George Pawlush, Fr. Daniel Pavelchak and Fr. Alexander Fedoronko were nominated by Fr. V. Borichevsky.

Lay members nominated: Michael Grabania by Fr. Daniel Donlick. Steven Pelak by Fr. Vladimir Petorak. Steven Kundrat by Fr. Paul Holoviak.

Nominations were clsed upon a motion by Fr. Martin, seconded by Fr. Chanda. Motion passed.

AUDIFORS: (1 clergy and 2 laymon) (Effort should be made to elect auditors who reside near the home of the treasurer)

Fr. Paul Ropitsky by Fr. Daniel Donlick. Paul Dutko by Fr. Vladimir Petorak. Russell Rudaski by Fr. John Kuchta.

Nominations were closed upon a motion by Fr. Martin, seconded by Fr. Romanchak, Motion passed.

It was moved that all nominees be unanimously elected to their offices upon a motion of Fr. Swaiko, seconded by Fr. Holoviak. Motion passed.

AUDITORS REPORT: All books were found in order.

The calendar issue was brought up again and it was mentioned the following churches adopted the new calendar: Pottstown, Catasaqua, and Bethlehem. The Dallas church will member adopt the new calendar in November 1970.

The Wilkes-Barro Deanery reported it submitted a proposal to the pre-sobor committee mandating that a vote be taken by all parishes by a specific date and if 2/3'rds of the parishes in a dicese adopt the new calendar, that a directive be issued changing the calendar for the entire dicese.

Fr. Borichevsky proposed that the procedure be reversed for voting purposes. He stated that a parish should require 2/3'rds vote if they wish to remain on the present calendar. A motion was made to this effect by Russell Dugan, seconded by Fr. V. Borichevsky.

Fr. Joseph Swaiko spoke on the question and stated that we must strive for unity in our church. He said that the decision should come from the Council of Bishops and not by the individual churches taking a vote.

Fr. Borichevsky said he had no objections to this approach. The previous motion was withdrawn and the following resolution was presented has to be forwarded to the pre-sobor committee for inclusion in the agenda of the sobor:

Be it resolved that the Council of Bishkps call upon every parish in the Autocephalous Church not having adopted the New (Julian)Calenar for the fixed Feast Days, vote on the question of the adoption of the new calendar before a specific date by the whole church. A uniform ballot with instructions is to be sent by the Council of Bishops to each parish. After the votes have been counted and analyzed by the Sobor of Bishops, and if in their own good wisdom the vote justifies such action, will publish an Encyclical instructing the whole church to change over to the New Calendar on a specific date set the by the Council of Bishops.

A motion was made to this effect by Fr. Borichevsky, seconded by Russell Dugan. A vote was taken which was as follows:

7 No 9 Abstained 12 in attendance

It was brought out that the change in the name of our church will

Fr. Paul Holovick spoke onthe missionary fund. After much discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the Diocesan Council will include this matter on their agenda of meetings.

A report of the trip to Moscow to accept the Tomos was given by Mr. S. Kopestonsky, who was one of the delegates of the Metropolia.

Theirbeing no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. upon a motion of Fr. G. Pawlush, seconded by Faul Dutko.

The meeting closed with thesingind of "Meet it is in 'Truth".

Rev. Jo eph Martin

BUDGET FOR 1970 - 1971

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Rev. Joseph Swaiko, Sec.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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