



**MINUTES
of the Joint Meeting of the Lesser Synod
and the 2015 Spring Session of
the Metropolitan Council**

**Tuesday, February 10 – Thursday, February 12, 2015
Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, NY**

These draft minutes are subject to approval at a subsequent meeting of the Metropolitan Council

PARTICIPANTS

LESSER SYNOD

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon
His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek

His Grace, Bishop Mark

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

CHURCH OFFICERS

Archpriest John Jillions, *Chancellor*
Melanie Ringa, *Treasurer*

Archpriest Eric Tosi, *Secretary*

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL

Archpriest David Garretson (*except Tuesday*)
Archpriest Chad Hatfield
(*except Tuesday morning*)

Dr. Paul Meyendorff (*except Tuesday morning*)
Maureen Jury

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Diocese of Alaska

Archpriest John Dunlop

Patrick Pletnikoff

Albanian Archdiocese

Archpriest Joseph Gallick
(*except Wednesday evening & Thursday*)

Donna Dimitri (*except Tuesday*)

Bulgarian Diocese

Protodeacon Michael Myers
(*except Tuesday morning*)

Archdiocese of Canada

Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk

Deacon Justin Mitchell

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

Priest James Weremedic

David Yeosock

Diocese of the Midwest

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta

Diocese of New England

Archpriest Robert Dick
(*except Wednesday evening & Thursday*)

David Zavednak (*Tuesday only*)

Diocese of New York/New Jersey

Archpriest John Shimchick (*except Tuesday morning*)

Janet Van Duyn
(*except Wednesday evening & Thursday*)

Diocese of the South

Priest Gleb McFatter

Judge E.R. Lanier

Diocese of Washington

Priest John Vitko (*Tuesday only*)

Elizabeth Mikhalevsky

Diocese of the West

Archpriest John Dresko (*except Thursday*)

Diocese of Western Pennsylvania

Archpriest William Evansky

Dr. John Schultz

ABSENT

Priest Robert Royer (*Bulgarian Diocese*)
Sam D’Fantis (*Diocese of the Midwest*)
Deacon Antony Dyl (*Diocese of the West*)

GUESTS (*for all sessions unless otherwise indicated*)

Archpriest Theodore Boback (*Spiritual Advisor, Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America – Wednesday afternoon & evening & Thursday*)
Archpriest John Erickson (*Archives Advisory Committee – Tuesday morning*)
Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky (*Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations – Thursday*)
Archpriest Alexander Rentel (*Secretary, Statute Revision Task Force – Wednesday morning*)
Maureen Ahearn (*Pension Plan Administrator - Thursday*)
Alexis Liberovsky (*recording secretary*)
Gregory J. Nescott, Esq. (*legal consultant*)
Ryan Platte (*Technical Manager of the OCA website – Tuesday afternoon*)
Warren Rivetz (*advisor to the OCA Pension Board - Thursday*)
Dr. Albert S. Rossi (*SMPAC – Tuesday afternoon*)
Basil Russin (*Vice President, Russian Brotherhood Organization – Thursday*)
Gregory Shesko (*Archives Advisory Committee – Tuesday morning*)
Matushka Tamara Skvir (*Archives Advisory Committee – Tuesday morning*)
Alexis Troubetzkoy (*Chairman, Archives Advisory Committee – Tuesday morning*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon celebrated a prayer service at 9:04 AM to open the meeting at the Immaculate Conception Seminary.

A. Agenda: Introduction

The meeting was then called to order. Fr. Eric Tosi requested approval of changes to the agenda in that the Archives Advisory Committee presentation and the Strategic Plan Post-Conciliar Committee report would follow the Metropolitan's report.

A.1. MOTION MIKHALEVSKY/VITKO – To approve the agenda for this meeting as amended. CARRIED.

B. Roll Call/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (attached)

Fr. Tosi then conducted the roll call, introduced guests present for this session, and announced others who would be present at various points during this meeting (see participants list). He requested approval of Alexis Liberovsky as recording secretary for the meeting.

B.1. MOTION GALLICK/VITKO – To approve Alexis Liberovsky as recording secretary. CARRIED.

He presented the draft minutes of the previous meeting of the Metropolitan Council on September 23-25, 2014 for approval. Fr. Joseph Gallick suggested a revision as follows on page 8 in section S.1: "He appealed for qualified priests to consider serving as chaplains." Archpriest John Jillions requested a revision on page 4 in section F as follows: "Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor, presented his attached written report...". He further requested that his report be included with the publicly posted reports from this meeting as indicated in the minutes. It was also suggested that the concluding sentence (now incomplete) of Section F.1 on page 8 be revised as follows: "Questions and discussion ensued."

B.2. MOTION LANIER/DICK -- To accept the previous meeting minutes of September 23-25, 2014 as amended. CARRIED.

E. Metropolitan's Report (attached)

Metropolitan Tikhon welcomed everyone and presented his attached written report. He noted the presence at this meeting of the new members of the Lesser Synod: Archbishop Melchisedek and Bishop Mark. Bishop Michael is unable to attend due to speaking engagement in California. He highlighted the importance of the upcoming 18th All-American Council and acknowledged with gratitude the productive work in preparation for the Council of the Preconciliar Commission, the Local Organizing Committee, the Statute Revision Task Force and Melanie Ringa, who is preparing a resolution on church funding for presentation to the Council. In reflecting on the theme of the All-American Council, he suggested a focus in three areas for expanding the Apostolic work of the Church: 1) Missions and Evangelism, 2) Clergy Health and 3) the strengthening of our institutions, particularly Monasteries and Seminaries. He then noted the importance of the archives in preserving the church's legacy as an inspiration and vehicle in our mission moving forward. He invited the Archives Advisory Committee to present its report.

G.2. Archives Advisory Committee (attached)

To update the written report of the Committee submitted to the Metropolitan Council in advance of its meeting, Mr. Alexis Troubetzkoy, Chairman of the Committee, addressed the Council to summarize the accomplishments of the Committee's meeting during the preceding two days. This was supplemented with a PowerPoint presentation. He concluded with an appeal for guidance from the Holy Synod and the Metropolitan Council in finding the proper solution for the future housing of the OCA Archives. Committee members in attendance answered questions from the Council and discussion ensued.

Following a short recess at 10:56 AM, the session resumed at 11:09 AM.

E. Metropolitan's Report (continued)

As he began discussion of the work of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America and OCA participation in it, Metropolitan Tikhon indicated the importance of our archives and the historical legacy documented within them are for the work of unity among all Orthodox in America. He noted the *Preliminary Response of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America to the Proposals for Canonical Restructuring* issued last fall and invited input from the Metropolitan Council to a draft text for a fuller response, which he will distribute. His Beatitude then reported on his recent productive visits to the Patriarchates of Constantinople and Moscow as well as his concelebration and meeting with Patriarch John of Antioch in the US. Extensive discussion on all of these issues ensued.

Following a recess for lunch at 12:31 PM, the afternoon session was called to order at 1:33 PM.

Metropolitan Tikhon concluded his report by asking for special prayers for the Archdiocese of Canada, Archbishop Seraphim, and the victims in his case. He also noted that with recent elections and ordinations of bishops, all diocesan sees of the OCA except the South have been filled. Finally, he thanked the Metropolitan Council, the Church officers and the staff for their hard work and offered a reflection to guide us into Great Lent from the text of the penitential troparia sung beginning on the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.

L. Strategic Plan Post-Conciliar Committee (attached)

Fr. John Vitko highlighted his attached report with a PowerPoint presentation. He noted that this would be the final report from the Committee as its mandate to implement the Strategic Plan adopted at the 16th All-American Council is ending and the Committee will be disbanded. He expressed satisfaction that almost all the goals envisioned at the 16th All-American Council have been fulfilled and that many activities, such as continuing education for clergy, related to the Strategic plan are now part of normal church life. He then answered questions from meeting participants and discussion ensued.

F. Chancellor's Report (attached)

Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor, summarized his attached written report. He thanked His Beatitude and the other officers for a productive environment at the chancery. He focused on pastoral issues and announced that Fr. Nathan Preston has begun to revive the work of the Department of Pastoral Life and Ministry. He also highlighted his participation in the Committee for Pastoral Practice of the Assembly of Bishops and noted the wide divergence of pastoral practices among the jurisdictions in the Assembly.

F.1. ORSMA

In the absence of Cindy Heise, Fr. Jillions highlighted her confidential report from the Office of Review of Sexual Misconduct Allegations (ORSMA), which included case statistics, coordinator activities, ORSMA statistics analysis and goals for 2015. Questions and discussion ensued. It was noted that background checks for parish council members and other parish leadership positions have been recommended but not mandated for many years.

F.2. SMPAC (attached)

Dr. Albert S. Rossi presented the attached written report from the Sexual Misconduct Policy Advisory Committee (SMPAC).

F.2.A MOTION LANIER/KUCHTA – To move into executive session. CARRIED.

Confidential matters pertaining to sexual misconduct and related issues were discussed in executive session.

F.2.B. MOTION MITCHELL/GALLICK – To move out of executive session. CARRIED.

Further discussion ensued concerning background checks and other matters.

Following a short recess at 3:27 PM, the session resumed at 3:44 PM.

G. Secretary’s report (attached)

Archpriest Eric Tosi, OCA Secretary, summarized his attached written report. He also presented a proposal on a printed Orthodox Journal as a lead to the All-American Council.

G.2. IT report (attached)

Fr. Tosi introduced Ryan Platte, Technical Manager of the OCA website, who presented his attached report on management of the OCA website and other computer issues at the OCA chancery.

H. 18th All-American Council (attached)

Fr. Tosi delivered his attached report on the upcoming 18th All-American Council, which included a draft agenda and details of local organization and arrangements in preparation for the Council. He reported that the Preconciliar Commission is recommending the nomination of Archpriest Peter Baktis and Judge E.R. Lanier as vice-chairmen of the 18th All-American Council

H.1. MOTION MIKHALEVSKY/WEREMEDIC – to accept the nomination of Archpriest Peter Baktis and Judge E.R. Lanier as vice-chairmen of the 18th All-American Council. CARRIED.

I. Legal matters (attached)

Judge E.R. Lanier, Chairman of the Legal Committee, presented its attached report. He noted that a search for a new General Counsel for the OCA is underway. He also reported that the OCA is not subject to any litigation against it at the present time. He noted the significance of the court ruling the previous week allowing the Diocese of South Carolina to secede with its assets from the Episcopal Church. He then presented background information on land tracts in South Canaan, PA belonging to the long defunct St. Tikhon’s Orphanage and the need to transfer ownership of these properties in order to dissolve the orphanage corporation. As St. Tikhon’s is under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan, all parties involved in the land transfer have requested a resolution of the Metropolitan Council to finalize the transactions. Once all formalities have been completed, the Orphanage Corporation and its Board will be dissolved. A vote on the resolution was deferred until the following morning so that copies of the resolution could be distributed to all Metropolitan Council members.

Gregory Nescott noted that Judge Lanier’s term on the Metropolitan Council is expiring and reflected on his invaluable and selfless work for the Church. He suggested that Judge Lanier be appointed to replace him as a special legal consultant to the Metropolitan Council.

I.1. MOTION METROPOLITAN TIKHON/JURY – To wholeheartedly express profound gratitude to Judge E.R. Lanier for his extraordinary and dedicated work for the church over many years, including most recently as chairman of the Metropolitan Council’s Legal Committee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (with 1 abstention – Lanier).

The session was adjourned with prayer at 6:03 PM.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Following the celebration of a Divine Liturgy at Saint Sergius Chapel at 8:00 AM, the meeting was opened with prayer led by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon at the Immaculate Conception Seminary at 10:55 AM.

Legal matters continued with presentation of the resolution on St. Tikhon's Orphanage land transfers in South Canaan, PA.

- L.2. MOTION DRESKO/MYERS - The Orthodox Church in America (OCA) has no monetary or proprietary interest in real estate and improvements located in South Canaan, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, currently titled in the name of ST. TIKHON RUSSIAN ORTHODOX ORPHANAGE, a/k/a ST. TIKON' RUSSIAN ORTHODOX ORPHANAGE, a/k/a ST. TIKHON' RUSSIAN ORTHODOX ORPHANAGE, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation, South Canaan, County of Wayne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (The Orphanage.) This property is the same premises conveyed to St. Tikhon Russian Orthodox Orphanage, by way of Deed of Metropolitan Theophilus N. Pashkovsky, which Deed was executed on July 18, 1940 and is recorded in the Wayne County Recorder of Deeds Office to Deed Book 147, Page 460 on September 26, 1940. The premises is also described in Deed of St. Tikhon's Russian Monastery Cemetery Association to St. Tikhon Russian Orthodox Orphanage, which Deed was executed on July 18, 1940 and is recorded in the Wayne County Recorder of Deeds Office to Deed Book 147, Page 461 on September 26, 1940. It consists, in total, of 7.374 acres, more or less;**

Be it further resolved that in accordance with the Statute of The Orthodox Church in America, including, but not necessarily limited to, Article V, Section 4g, we hereby approve now and forever after the transfer of said lands as follows:

- 1.933 acres of land more or less, identified as "LOT 1" on a minor subdivision map of lands of St. Tikhon Orthodox Orphanage dated April 5, 2013 and recorded to Wayne County Map Book 118, Page 117, PIN# 24-0-0271-0040.0002, to be transferred for the sum of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR to THE DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA, of 144 St. Tikhon's Road, Waymart, County of Wayne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 18472, and**
- 5.441 acres of land more or less, identified as "REMAINING LAND OF ORPHANAGE PARCEL D.B. 147, P. 461" on a minor subdivision map of lands of St. Tikhon Orthodox Orphanage dated April 5, 2013 and recorded to Wayne County Map Book 118, Page 117, PIN# 24-0-0271-0040.0003, to be transferred for the sum of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR to ST. TIKHONS GREEK RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, a Pennsylvania Non-profit Corporation, D/B/A ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY, of 175 St. Tikhon's Road, Waymart, County of Wayne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 18472,**

The subdivision of the Orphanage property into these two parcels is further approved;

Furthermore, the OCA approves the lease to St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary of the former Orphanage Building located on the parcel that is to be transferred to St. Tikhon's Monastery for \$1.00 for a term of 99 years from a beginning date to be established by the parties thereto;

We further approve and authorize the responsible authority(ies) for each of the aforementioned entities to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions now and after today's date for all time, to accomplish the same. CARRIED with 4 abstentions (due to possible conflict of interest as members of St. Tikhon's Orphanage Board): Metropolitan Tikhon, Fr. John Jillions, Judge E.R. Lanier, David Yeosock.

K. Statute Revision Task Force

Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Secretary of the Statute Revision Task Force, presented an oral report on the work of the Task Force since last fall. He highlighted some of the new elements in the revised statute and explained the reasoning behind them. He noted that once review of the draft text by a legislative editor, which is currently underway, is completed, the blessing of the Holy Synod will be requested to disseminate and post it online for public comment, which is likely to occur next week. He encouraged church-wide discussion of the draft text and organization of town hall meetings locally for such discussion. Questions and discussion ensued.

J. Reorganization Committee (attached)

Archpriest John Shimchick, chairperson of the Committee, presented its attached report. Fr. Eric Tosi presented a detailed Department Reorganization Proposal. Extensive discussion ensued.

M. Metropolitan Council Committees

M.1. Charity (attached)

Protodeacon Michael Myers summarized the Charity Committee's attached written report.

M.2. Crisis Management Team

Fr. Eric Tosi indicated that Crisis Management issues were presented in his Secretary's Report.

M.3. Ethics

Dr. Paul Meyendorff, Committee Chairman, indicated that the Committee has nothing to report at this time.

M.4. Human Resources

Archpriest David Garretson, Committee Chairman, indicated that the Committee has nothing to report at this time.

M.5. Internal Governance (attached)

Archpriest Chad Hatfield highlighted the committee's attached report. He reiterated that the Metropolitan Council Members Handbook would be updated once the revised Statute is adopted.

Following a recess for lunch at 12:33 PM, the afternoon session was called to order at 1:33 PM.

N. Treasurer's Report (attached)

Melanie Ringa presented the attached Treasurer's report and additional material. She noted that preliminary financials for 2014 indicate a net surplus of \$32,000. She then highlighted the budget for the 18th All-American Council. Melanie then reported on her visits to dioceses and the recent diocesan chancellors and treasurers meeting and discussions there of statute revision pertaining to funding of the OCA. She indicated

that the Finance Committee prepared the church funding provisions for the revised Statute, which remove “per capita” language in the article on the parish. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning proportional giving and the formulation of an appropriate resolution for presentation to the upcoming All-American Council. The question was asked as to why the non-territorial dioceses were not included in the funding resolution being discussed. Melanie and His Beatitude explained that the non-territorial dioceses funding arrangements were subject to separate agreements, not by the OCA Statute.

Following a short recess at 3:47 PM, the session resumed at 4:10 PM.

The following resolution was discussed. Several amendments were made but not accepted. The original resolution was submitted to a vote by the Metropolitan Council and defeated.

- N.1. MOTION - JURY/DRESKO – The Metropolitan Council recommends the following resolution for adoption by the 18th All-American Council: “In order to facilitate the transition of the dioceses to a proportional funding model, while supporting the work of the national church, the Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America shall come to an agreement with each diocese on a funding methodology. The funding level shall not fall below the 2015 assessment. The target range for contributions will be the greater of the 2015 baseline or 33% of diocesan revenue.” DEFEATED (0 votes in favor, 2 abstentions: Jury, Myers).**

After further discussion, the following resolution was discussed, later amended but finally withdrawn.

- N.2. MOTION – DRESKO/HATFIELD – The Metropolitan Council recommends the following resolution for adoption by the 18th All-American Council: “In order to facilitate the transition of the dioceses to a proportional funding model, while supporting the work of the national church, each territorial diocese of the OCA shall remit annually financial support of the work of the central administration in an amount no less than the greater of 1) an amount equal to the 2015 assessment amount, with an allowance of a 4% decrease in cases of diocesan need; OR 2) 33% of annual diocesan revenue.**

It was agreed that a drafting group should reformulate the resolution for presentation during that evening’s session.

Following a recess for dinner at 5:18 PM, the evening session was called to order at 6:33 PM.

The drafting group presented the following resolution, which was discussed and adopted.

- N.3. MOTION – DRESKO/HATFIELD – The Metropolitan Council recommends the following resolution for adoption by the 18th All-American Council: “In order to facilitate the transition of the dioceses to a proportional funding model, while supporting the work of the national church, for the budget years 2016, 2017 and 2018, each diocese of the Orthodox Church in America shall annually remit its diocesan financial obligation for the work of the central administration in an amount no less than the greater of 1) the 2015 assessment, with a 4% decrease permissible in cases of diocesan need as determined by the Metropolitan Council with the approval of the Holy Synod of Bishops; or 2) 33% of total annual diocesan revenue.” CARRIED with 1 vote opposed (Mitchell) and 1 abstention (Myers).**

It was suggested that the resolution be presented to the All-American Council with explanatory background information.

O. Financial Development Committee

David Yeosock, Chairman of the Financial Development Committee, presented a brief oral report on upcoming projects in this area, particularly in conjunction with the upcoming All-American Council.

P. Finance/Investment Committee

Priest Gleb McFatter, chairman of the Finance/Investment Committee, presented a brief oral report concerning the transfer of the investment portfolio of the Orthodox Church in America to the Philadelphia Trust Company. Melanie Ringa thanked the Finance Committee for its hard work, particularly in formulating financial provisions within the revised OCA Statute. She noted that Fr. McFatter's term on the Metropolitan Council is expiring. The Council expressed warm appreciation for his work as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Q. Open Discussion

At the request of Metropolitan Council members, open discussion took place on three topics.

- The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America

Metropolitan Tikhon distributed for discussion a draft text of a fuller response on canonical restructuring from the Holy Synod to the Assembly of Bishops. He invited input and suggestions from Metropolitan Council members.

- Editorial policy of the Orthodox Church in America

Metropolitan Tikhon stressed the need for a pastoral approach on this issue. It was suggested that a comprehensive editorial policy is needed for anything published by the OCA, whether on its websites or elsewhere in order to ensure consistency or nothing contradict its teachings. It was noted that that editorial policies do exist but that input is welcome towards further developing them. It was also stated that the internet and social media are not conducive to communicating nuance, but that, nevertheless, the internet is perhaps the most effective vehicle to reach out to youth. As this issue is within the competence of the Holy Synod, it was respectfully suggested that the Synod should establish a Communication Commission to further develop uniform editorial policies and to address other related issues.

- Theological education and seminaries

Metropolitan Tikhon stated that the Church must highly value theological education and that support from the entire Church must be further encouraged and that is paramount to our mission as a Church. There was some discussion of the future of our seminaries in view of declining church membership and resources. It was stressed that residential formation at a seminary is essential in the preparation of clergy for the Church. The need for other education in the Church was also discussed including catechesis and formation of the laity. Various programs and internet resources were mentioned. The recently announced joint publication initiative of St. Vladimir's Seminary Press and St. Tikhon's Monastery Press was commended as a positive step. Metropolitan Tikhon said that the Holy Synod will seek to develop a creative vision for a comprehensive approach for education at all levels throughout the Church.

The session was adjourned with prayer at 8:23 PM.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The morning session was opened with prayer at 9:03 AM.

U. External Affairs Report (attached)

Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations, delivered the attached report, providing additional comments and insights. Metropolitan Tikhon and others also provided additional information and discussion ensued.

S. Pension Board Report

Fr. Gleb McFatter delivered a brief oral report. He reported that the OCA Pension Plan investment return for the past year was 5.48% below the target of 7%, which was due to prevailing global economic climate, especially in the fourth quarter. Fr. McFatter, Maureen Ahearn, Pension Plan Administrator, and Warren Rivetz, money manager and advisor for the OCA Pension Board, answered questions from Metropolitan Council members.

U. External Affairs Report (continued)

Presentation and discussion of the attached report on External Affairs and Interchurch Relations continued.

Following a short recess at 10:26 AM, the session resumed at 10:35 AM.

T. Department/Organization Reports

T.1. RBO (attached)

Mr. Basil Russin, Vice President of the Russian Brotherhood Organization (RBO) of the USA, delivered an oral report with the attached PowerPoint presentation. He presented its new logo and relayed its history, programs and services, as, currently, the only Orthodox fraternal benefit society in America. He stressed the Organization's strong connection to the Church over many decades.

U. External Affairs Report (continued)

Presentation and discussion of the attached report on External Affairs and Interchurch Relations was concluded.

T. Department/Organization Reports (continued)

T.2. FOCA (attached)

Archpriest Theodore Boback, Spiritual Advisor, and Dr. John Shultz, Immediate Past President, presented the attached report and PowerPoint presentation on the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA). They highlighted its history, current projects and activities. They also invited everyone to participate in events of the annual FOCA Convention, which will be held this year in conjunction with the 18th All-American Council.

V. Future Meeting Dates

Fr. Tosi reminded everyone that the Metropolitan Council would next meet in Atlanta over dinner on July 20, 2015, just prior to the opening of the 18th All-American Council. The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council will take place on September 22-24, with a retreat on September 21.

W. Adjournment

In concluding remarks, Metropolitan Tikhon thanked everyone for a productive meeting. He noted that although some issues were rightly referred to the Holy Synod, he encouraged Metropolitan Council members to carry issues forward to their dioceses for further discussion, and that such synergy is a manifestation of hierarchy and conciliarity.

W.1. MOTION MEYENDORFF/JURY – To adjourn the meeting. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Liberovsky,
Recording Secretary

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