

12th All-American Council – The Orthodox Church in America

Official Minutes – Seventh Plenary Session

Thursday, July 29, 1999

1. The Session opened at 2:36 p.m. with the singing of "The Grace of the Holy Spirit". Mr. Coy Williamson read from the Scriptures. The ballots for Church-wide Positions were distributed to all delegates.
2. Dr Alice Woog introduced the persons nominated for the Church-wide positions.
3. Dr. Alice Woog moved to re-open nominations for Lay representative to the Pension Board, seconded by Fr. Theodore Boback. Motion passed.

Fr. Dmitri Oselinsky nominated Mr. Peter Junda.

Fr. Basil Stoyka nominated Mr. Sam D'Fantis.

4. Fr. John Dresko moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Fr. Mark Sherman. Motion passed.
5. The ballots for Church-wide Positions were cast and collected.
6. Fr. Joseph Fester, *Executive Director of FOS*, reported that, at present, \$88,500 per year has been pledged toward the Church-wide Initiatives by participants (delegates and observers) of the Council.
7. Mr. Steven Brown moved the following:

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the 13th All-American Council, I move that in addition to the Seminary Internship program, the Parish-Wide Education Initiative be funded as well.

The Motion passed.

8. Fr. Nathan Kroll spoke about Project Mexico.
9. Ms. Mary Dannakis, Director of Project Mexico, gave her presentation. She asked for all the participants of the Council to pray for the children living in their Orphanage. Their names are: Octavio, Everardo, Miguelito, Alfredo, Brian, Miguel, Ismael, Cruz, Jorge, Mario, Edgar, Cristian, Victor, Edgar, and Ricardo
10. Fr. Ernesto Rios spoke on behalf of the Mexican Exarchate of the Orthodox Church in America.
11. Fr. William Evansky presented the report of the Credentials Committee:
 - a. **Registrations at the Council:**

Bishops	11
Bishops	2
Clergy Delegates	277
Lay Delegates	266
Observers	471
<i>Total</i>	1027

b. Plenary Session #5:

Bishops	9
Guest Bishops	2
Clergy Delegates	211
Lay Delegates	221
Observers	105
<i>Total</i>	547

12. The Session closed at 3:51 PM.