**ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 24, 2011, St. Gregory Church, Chicago, IL**

**AGENDA**

**9:00 a.m.**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda

**9:15-10:15 a.m.**

1. Bible study/Diocesan theme – “Follow Me: Ministry of the *Young* Faithful”

(Nancy Basmajian)

**10:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

1. Acceptance of Minutes of June 25 Meeting
   1. Minutes accepted
2. Individual CC Members Share their Goals for 2011-12
   1. Central Council members went over their individual goals for the year
   2. Plans for chapter visits were discussed
3. Review of Responsibilities
   1. Nancy is picking up Chapter relations so we need to find a job for Adrienne
      1. College Ministry
         1. Help organize and coordinate college ministry events
      2. Special Events Coordinator
         1. Alt Spring Break
         2. New Orleans
      3. Liaison to Sub committees
4. Treasurer’s Report (George Macarian)
   1. Attached
5. Executive Secretary’s Report
   1. Attached
6. Report of the Chapter Relations Coordinator (Adrienne Ashbahian)
   1. Attached
7. Report of the Public Relations Coordinator (Alex Ouzounian)
8. Report on the World ACYO Assembly (Gev Vartanian)
   1. In my opinion the assembly was not very beneficial for ACYOA from an organizational standpoint. There was no real material that was decided at this meeting, and the governing body has no authority over our ACYOA. The main accomplishment of the gathering was that we held our first elections in the history of the body, rather than council members being chosen by appointment. However it was good to see and meet ACYO members from other diocese around the world. I think it is important to see how ACYO is active all over the world. I feel we can offer a lot of advice and guidance to these smaller diocese, however the organization is a few years behind in making the relationships with us. I would recommend that we open our communication with the Western Diocese more and communicate and possibly share programs such as ASP, CASP for the Western Diocese. I am in contact with the delegate to the ACYO CC which was elected from the Western Diocese, her name is Lilit Khacikyan. However it is unclear what the role of the ACYO CC will be on our diocese so we can just wait for updates.
9. Report on ACYOA/FAR Hand-in-Hand Initiatives
10. Internship at FAR Children’s Center
11. Committee Chair is Eric Ashbaian
12. Status of Revised Bylaws
    1. Waiting for approval
    2. Will be approved at DC meeting

**1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

1. LUNCH – Meeting with 2012 GA/SW Committee
   1. Met with Sam and Shant to discuss guidelines for GA/SW

**2:30-4:00 p.m.**

1. Presentation of Strategic Plans
2. Short-term Goals
3. Identify struggling chapters and develop a plan to support, assist and strengthen them.

Lead Team: *Adrienne Ashbahian, Karen Dardarian, George Macarian*

* 1. *Developed ranking system to determine objectively strength of chapters*
  2. *Identified struggling chapters*
  3. *Goals*
  4. *Suggestions*
     1. *Choose a few chapters to visit rather than all struggling*
     2. *Find people in area to help with ACYOAs*

1. Sponsor faith-based programming and service projects.

Lead Team: *Karen Dardarian, Olivia Derderian*

* 1. *Suggestions*
     1. *Move cultural day to Cambridge or somewhere in Boston*
     2. *Partner with AGBU over Birthright for Summer internship possibly*
     3. *Move regional retreat from Racine to Evanston*
     4. *Consider Atlanta for a regional retreat*
     5. *Use Follow Me: Ministry of the faithful as a topic for retreat*
     6. *Make one day retreat optional but provide overnight accomidations*
     7. *Less clergy presenters at CW*

1. Long-term Goals
2. Create a Christian education model that takes participants from cradle through

adulthood (including transitioning Juniors into Seniors).

*(Lydia Kurkjian, Alex Ouzounian, Gev Vartanian)*

* 1. *Suggestions*
     1. *Do groundwork, discuss with DYE and people in Education prior to large meeting*
     2. *Have an initial meeting at diocese with a few people informal*
     3. *Karen can meet with Jenni Morris*
     4. *Nancy will bring up to DYE*
     5. *How to use modern technology for educational purposes*
     6. *Have a session during Diocesan Assembly*

1. Develop a plan to engage alumni with the current organization in various ways including mentoring, fundraising, support, etc.

*(Olivia Derderian, George Macarian, Gev Vartanian)*

* 1. *Have to indentify structure*
  2. *Create dues*
  3. *Find people who are interested, see how we can engage alumni*
  4. *How do they want to help the organization?*
  5. *Bring together former chairs of ACYOA CC to get ideas*

1. Future Programs:
   1. Leadership Conference (November 4-6, 2011)
      1. Invite orthodox youth
      2. Try to get chapel at night on Saturday
   2. Chapter Workshop (January 13-15, 2012)
      1. Look at new hotel venues
      2. George will look into dinner
      3. Oliva and Karen will come up with theme
   3. Regional Retreats
      1. Where?
         1. Elberon
         2. Evanston
         3. Dallas
      2. When?
         1. Find out when is good for parishes
   4. ASP (June 30-July 19)
   5. Alumni Ball
      1. Find possible churches
         1. Wynnwood
         2. Do more advertising
2. Next Meeting
   1. Livingston Dec 12th