

REPORT OF METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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Since last reporting, there has been two major decisions made by the Metropolitan Council.

- 1 The All American Council has been postponed until July 2022. The exact dates have not been negotiated with the hotel yet, but will be very close to those previously scheduled for 2021. There will be no cost to the OCA for the change. The AAC venue continues to be Baltimore but Dallas is a contingency site should something unforeseen prevent the Baltimore location.
- 2 The Property Committee of which I am a member has been very busy. Christopher Lewis is also a member of the committee and one of great value. The Holy Synod gave its blessing for the sale of the Syosset Chancellery. A search was done for a realtor. The committee located one and I found another, Fran Mazer from Compass Realty a national firm. Both made zoom presentations to the MC and Ms. Mazer was the unanimous choice.

The property is now listed for sale. We have had two offers and are in negotiations with both. Because of unduly complex New York laws we found it necessary to retain a New York licensed Real Estate attorney. I found one and he has been retained.

Fr. Alexander Rentel, the OCA chancellor, has established a committee of experienced individuals to determine the relocation of the archives. The archives are a major component of relocating the Chancellery and will offer the greatest challenges.

The Washington D.C area is the preferred site of Chancellery relocation. We have begun a preliminary evaluation of this.

- 3 The last face to face meeting of the MC was February 2020. Since then all meetings have been By Zoom. This has worked fine. There really is no reason to expend the money and time necessitated by travel to the Chancellery twice a year. The efficiency of Zoom has become apparent to most members.
- 4 We recently approved the 2021 budget for the OCA. It is basically the same as this year. They have already experienced a saving of approximately \$175,000.00. This will be retained and not spent without prior MC approval.