

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE SELF-RULED ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
of North America

Held at the Le Centre Sheraton Hotel in Montreal, Canada
July 28, 2007

PRESENT were: Metropolitan PHILIP, Bishop Antoun, Bishop Joseph, Bishop Basil, Bishop Thomas, Bishop Mark, Bishop Alexander, Rt. Rev. Paul M. Doyle, V. Rev. Elias S. Bitar, V. Rev. Michael Ellias, Dr. George J. Farha, Mr. Daniel J. Abraham, Mr. Charles R. Ajalat, Dr. Anthony S. Bashir, Dr. David G. Bojrab, Mr. Daniel E. Braun, Dr. John D. Dalack, Mr. George G. Darany, Mr. Fawaz R. El Khoury, Mrs. Joan M. Farha, Dr. Elias K. Hebeka, Dr. Richard S. Kattouf, Mr. Robert A. Koory, Dr. Sam H. Kouri, Mr. Robert H. Laham, Mr. William D. Morrison, Mr. William J. Nassir, Mr. George N. Nassor, Mrs. Cynthia Nimey, Mr. Walter Parhamovich, Mr. Mansour Rayan, Dr. Raymond J. Rishwain, Mr. Philip N. Saliba, Mr. Elias Shaheen, and Mr. Kory W. Warr; and Honorary Members: Mr. Ralph Abercia, Mr. Philip A. Haddad, Mr. Walid K. Khalife, Dr. Alan E. Matook, Miss Ruth A. Nimee, and Mr. A. Ernest Younes.

Guests were: Metropolitan PAUL, Metropolitan GEORGE, V. Rev. Michel Elia Fawaz, V. Rev. Antony K. Gabriel, V. Rev. Peter Shportun, Archdeacon Hans El Hayek, Mrs. Vivian Saykaly, Mr. Mark Saykaly, Miss Kathy Meyer, Mrs. Adelene Abercia, Mr. Mounir Abou-Assaleh, Mrs. Mounir Abou-Assaleh, Mrs. Marilee Nicola Ajalat, Mr. Alan G. Abraham, Mrs. Debbie Abraham, Mrs. Kathy J. Abraham, Miss Elizabeth Beauchamp, Kh. Joanne Bitar, Mrs. Betty June Bojrab, Mrs. Judy Braun, Miss Bente Christensen, Mrs. Shamseh M. Dalack, Mrs. Dorothy Darany, Mr. Zaki Dorkham, Mrs. Janet Dussault, Mrs. Jo Ellen El Khoury, Kh. Laila M. Ellias, Mrs. Brenda Farha, Mr. David Farha, Mrs. Laila R. Ferris, Kh. Lynn Gabriel, Mr. Frank Haddad, Mrs. Gwena Haddad, Mrs. Laurette Haddad, Mr. Joseph F. Hanna, Mrs. Barbara Hebeka, Mr. George Jabbour, Ms. Carol B. Jazzar, Mr. Alex Kalil, Mrs. Frances Kalil, Mrs. Jacqueline Kattouf, Mrs. Cheryl Khalife, Mrs. Carrie Khoury, Mrs. Diane Koory, Mrs. Jacque Kouri, Mrs. Gladys Laham, Mrs. Josie Morrison, Mrs. Hazel Nassir, Mrs. Elsie Nassor, Mrs. Wafa Rayan, Mrs. Georgianna Nicola Rishwain, Mrs. Celia Rossy, Mr. Michael Rossy, Mrs. Carolyn Sadd, Mrs. Gulaz Mese Saliba, Mr. Gerry Shadeed, Kh. Myriam Shportun, Miss Myriam Shwayri, Mr. John Souaed, Mrs. Nancy Souaed, Mrs. Ernest Younes, Mr. Eric Zakaib, Mrs. Hala Zakaib, Mrs. Hilene Zakaib, and Mr. Michel Zakaib.

This luncheon meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m., with a prayer led by Metropolitan PHILIP. On behalf of himself and his family, Mr. Mark Saykaly welcomed everyone to this Board of Trustees Luncheon Meeting which, at the same time, was also a kind of family gathering. He introduced all the members of his family who were present, and he then introduced his mother, Mrs. Vivian Saykaly who, after greeting and welcoming everyone, spoke very movingly about her late husband, Mr. Ernest J. Saykaly, our departed Vice Chairman Emeritus. She reminded all of us how dear to Ernie's heart were Metropolitan PHILIP, the Board of Trustees, the Archdiocese, the Antiochian Village, and the Antiochian Village Council. She also let us know how certain she was that Ernie was with us today at this meeting which he never missed and which he himself had hosted on many occasions.

On behalf of himself and the entire Board of Trustees, Metropolitan PHILIP then expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to Vivian, to Mark, and to the entire family, for their kindness and generosity in hosting this Archdiocese Board of Trustees Luncheon Meeting, and he asked that we keep Vivian and her family in our prayers. He then requested a moment of silent prayer in Ernie's memory. **MAY HIS MEM-**

ORY BE ETERNAL!

Metropolitan PHILIP then congratulated the following individuals who had been re-elected to the Board: Dr. David G. Bojrab, Mr. Daniel E. Braun, Dr. John D. Dalack, Dr. Donald C. Howard, Mr. George N. Nassor, Dr. Raymond J. Rishwain, Miss Jean Sam, and Mr. Douglas J. Skaff; and he also congratulated and welcomed to the Board: Mr. Rex W. Moore and Mr. Elias Shaheen, who had been newly elected to the Board.

His Eminence also congratulated the following individuals who had been re-appointed to the Board: Mr. Fawaz R. El Khoury, Mr. Anton K. Khoury, Mr. Mansour Rayan, and Mr. Kory W. Warr; and he congratulated and welcomed to the Board Dr. Richard S. Kattouf, who had been newly appointed to the Board.

Metropolitan PHILIP then congratulated Rt. Rev. Paul M. Doyle who had been re-appointed as the Protosyngellos and Dean of Clergy, V. Rev. Elias S. Bitar who had been re-appointed as Vicar General of the Archdiocese, V. Rev. Michael Ellias who had been re-appointed as Secretary of the Archdiocese, Mr. Robert H. Laham who had been re-appointed as Chairman of the Department of Finance, and Mr. Charles R. Ajalat and Mr. Robert A. Koory who had been re-appointed as Chancellors of the Archdiocese.

His Eminence also congratulated Mrs. Joan M. Farha who had been re-elected as President of the NAC Fellowship of St. John the Divine; he congratulated Mr. Daniel J. Abraham who, after having served many years as an elected member of the Board, is the newly elected Chairman of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch; and he congratulated and welcomed to the Board Mrs. Cynthia Nimey, the newly elected President of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America.

Then, on behalf of himself and the entire Board, Metropolitan PHILIP expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to Mr. Edward F. Assile, the outgoing Chairman of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch; to Mrs. Laila R. Ferris, the outgoing President of Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America; and to Mr. Alan G. Abraham, Mr. Joseph F. Hanna, and Dr. Joseph J. Samra for their service as members of the Board of Trustees.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. George G. Darany moved that all of the existing Officers be re-elected to the offices which they now hold, and Dr. Sam H. Kouri seconded. In the absence of any objections or further nominations, this motion was unanimously approved by acclamation. Our Vice Chairman is Dr. George J. Farha; our Treasurer is Mr. Robert H. Laham; our Assistant Treasurer is Mr. George N. Nassor; and our Secretary is Dr. John D. Dalack.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Dalack, Ph.D.,
Secretary