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NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, S. ORANGE, N.J. 07079

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The meeting came to order at 9:30 A.M. Present: Bishop Dougherty, Msgr. Field, Fr. Sullivan, Sr. Margherita, Professors Mahoney, Mitchell, Prince, Reilly. Fred Peters and Marianna Murphy guests.

Prof. Mahoney reported that he had received no response yet to his communication to Larry Hackman of the NHPRC, but that James O'Toole, archivist of the Archdiocese of Boston and recipient of an NHPRC grant, had invited representatives of the Commission to visit and discuss his operation. It was agreed that the visit would be made soon.

The meeting then discussed the question of publishing the history of the archdiocese which the 125 Anniversary committee has decided not to publish. Fred Peters and Marianna Murphy participated in the discussion. The manuscript is in, except for Fr. Hinrichsen's portion, which is practically complete and will be received shortly. Materials already received have been edited for typos, etc., but not for smoothness of transition between sections. One essay is much longer than the others and may need cutting.

After extensive discussion, it was agreed that Marianna Murphy would get quotations on a printing of 1,000 hardcover, 4,000 soft cover, with portraits of each bishop. These would then be submitted to President Conley, whose letter expressing interest in publishing the book Msgr. Field read. Questions about copyright holder, publishing imprint, royalties, etc., would have to be determined, but Professor Mitchell indicated that he is preparing a draft of such a policy for the University.

The Commission then discussed the question of the NHPRC letter. It was agreed that further clarification of the relation between the Commission, the University and the various dioceses of the state is the first essential. This will clarify for the NHPRC the question of the permanence of the Commission. Also, further elements of diocesan/University support are needed in order to show that the project is not solely dependent upon outside sources and can be expected to continue beyond the initial NHPRC funding.

Prof. Mitchell reported on the CETA request. The Essex County CETA office has indicated that it cannot take the question any further, but is very happy if we carry it further. Prof. Mitchell will initiate contact with Rep. Minish and with Senator Williams' office.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, at 2:00 P.M. in the AFA Club, Seton Hall University.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph F. Mahoney