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Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission, Tuesday, March 16, 1976.

The Commission met at 2:30 P.M., the following members present for all or part of the meeting: Bishop John J. Dougherty, Msgr. William N. Field, Rev. Edwin V. Sullivan, Professors Joseph F. Mahoney, Peter M. Mitchell, Carl E. Prince, George L. A. Reilly.

Bishop Dougherty reported the addition of Msgr. Theodore Opdenaker and Rev. Edwin V. Sullivan to the committee.

Bishop Dougherty reported that the bishops of the Province of New Jersey endorsed the draft proposal submitted to them at their meeting of 9 March 1976, and support of the project.

The committee then reviewed the draft budget for limited operation, 1976-77, and agreed:

1. That Professor Mahoney investigate the availability of space, furnishings and a graduate assistant for the year;

2. That preliminary drafts of a logo and stationery be obtained through the offices of Marianna Murphy, University Editor;

3. That letters be drafted for Bishop Dougherty's signature requesting monetary support from the State Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America.

Bishop Dougherty indicated that, based on his conversations with Msgr. Fahy, some money might be available for support of the project from University funds.

After discussion the committee adopted, at least as a working title for the project: The New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission.

The committee then discussed the question of establishing an advisory or honorary board of members which would include, besides the bishops of the province, prominent educators, historians, etc. of New Jersey. The group agreed upon the desirability of the action. Among names suggested were those of President Bloustein of Rutgers University, the presidents of St. Peter's, St. Elizabeth's and Caldwell colleges, Daniel McCormax of the Knights of Columbus, and others. It was agreed that additional names be suggested and considered at the next meeting.

Msgr. Field informed the committee that Archbishop Gerety is currently seeking a consultant to evaluate the archdiocesan archives. It was agreed that Msgr. Field and Prof. Mahoney would inquire further about the matter and discover if the consultant might at the same time perform the necessary evaluation for grant proposals.

The question of publicity and press releases was held over until the next meeting.

Before adjournment at 4:00 P.M. the commission agreed to meet again at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 1976, in the conference room, President's Hall.