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Bishop Dougherty and the Commission congratulated Sr. Margherita on her reception of the Woman of the Year award of Unico International.

With regard to the proposed session at the April, 1978 ACHA session at Seton Hall University, the Director reported that he had contacted Ray Ralph, and expected a response in a few days.

The Director reported a quotation from Harvard Printing Co. for production of the diary of Bishop Bayley. Based upon 6 x 9" book, approximately 384 printed pages, black ink, illustrations of half tones where necessary, hard cover, gold embossed front and spine, 60# white stock, type: 10 on 11 point, endnotes 8 on 9 point.

2,000 books $16,400.00 $3.20 each
3,000 19,800.00 6.60 ea.
4,000 25,400.00 6.35 ea.

The Director noted that the typed pagination on which the price was based was excessive, and that therefore the costs would probably be somewhat lower. The Commission directed that Mr. Fred Peters be contacted for help in determining costs and procedures.

Extensive discussion of the draft grant proposal then ensued. Prof. Prince reported that Larry Hackman of the NHEHC indicated matching funds would have to be raised, but the specific interpretation of this requirement awaits the meeting of September 9 between Hackman and the Commission. Approaches to other foundations and sources of funds were discussed. The Director will prepare a tentative proposal for the Raskob Foundation based upon their funding the parish record microfilm project, will contact the Ethnic Studies Heritage Commission of HEW with regard to oral history funding, and will contact the Mormon church's microfilm project for microfilm aid. The Director will further investigate the CETA director for Essex County to determine if any personnel funding is available from that source. It was further agreed that additional Catholic-oriented and New Jersey-oriented sources would be approached.

Prof. Prince raised the possibility of the Commission and New York University jointly applying to the Rockefeller Foundation for support of interns in the NYU archival and editing program working at the collections with which the Commission is concerned. The Commission agreed to exploratory discussions, neither party being committed to anything.
Mr. Bush raised the question of the Commission's need to appoint a fund-raising committee. Bishop Dougherty expanded the discussion to include public relations. The need was recognized by all, as was the advisability of somehow relating both questions to the functioning of the Advisory Board. Letters of invitation to serve on the latter will be mailed in September. This matter will be an item of prime consideration at the September meeting of the Commission.

At the direction of the Commission, Fr. Seymour will draft a proposal for the microfilming of parish birth, marriage and death records to be submitted to Archbishop Geraty for his formal approval.

Bishop Dougherty will brief the incoming president of Seton Hall University, Dr. Robert Conley, on the functions of the Commission.

Next meeting of the Commission: Friday, 16 September 1977, 2:00 P.M., Conference Room of President's Hall, Seton Hall University.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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