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The meeting came to order at 10:05 A.M. Present: Bishop Dougherty, Fr. Sullivan, Fr. Seymour, Sr. Margherita, Hosea Bush, Mahoney, Prince, Reilly.

Minutes of the previous meeting are corrected to reflect the presence of Sr. Margherita.

Professor Mahoney distributed copies of materials prepared by Peter Wosh to the membership, and copies of the letter from Larry Hackman of the NHPRC indicating why the grant proposal had not been funded.

The body then discussed the letter, and the course of action to be followed.

Procedure determined:

a) Chairman/Director will contact O’Toole of Boston Archives, Wright and Hackman, for further information, to be sure we have all the objections of the NHPRC, and whatever guidance and model the Boston situation may provide.

b) the Commission will seek clarification of the following matters to support its next grant proposal and respond to questions raised in Hackman’s letter:

1) relationship between diocese and University and Commission re funding

2) establishment of relationships more formally with dioceses of Trenton, Camden and Paterson, and Eparchy of Passaic. (Fr. Seymour will present a memorandum on this.)

c) draw up, with a professional archivist, a specific statement of methodologies, techniques, etc. to be used in archival processing.

d) a projected budget for a five-year period after the end of the NHPRC funding, to show promise of continuity.

The body thereafter discussed the decision of the 125th Anniversary Committee of the Archdiocese of Newark not to publish the popular history prepared for the anniversary. It agreed to investigate the possibility of publishing the book, in view of Msgr. Field’s suggestions and his chances of raising the money to support publication.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 1978 at 9:30 A.M. in the AFA Club, President’s hall, Seton Hall University.