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Minutes of the meeting of the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1976.

The meeting came to order at 2:00 P.M. Present were: Bishop Dougherty, Msgr. Field, Frs. Hinrichsen, Keller, Seymour, Sullivan, Professors Mahoney, Mitchell, Prince, Reilly.

The commission welcomed Rev. Francis Seymour, Newark archdiocesan archivist, as a member.

Bishop Dougherty conducted the press conference arranged by Gene Collins and Anne Smith of the Seton Hall Public Relations department. Other members gave information or insights in response to press questions.

Discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting raised the question of whether grant monies to the Commission should be processed through the Chancery office or through the University. Bishop Dougherty appointed Professors Prince, Mitchell and Mahoney a commission of three to examine the question and report to the next meeting of the commission. The account already established with the Chancery will be utilized as it is currently set up.

Professor Mitchell reported that he had discussed an office location for the Commission with Msgr. Field, and that the discussion was now being concluded with the University Library space committee. A resolution is expected by October 15.

The revised draft budget for 1976-77 was reviewed and, after minor changes, approved. Professors Prince and Mahoney were deputed a committee to secure a written clarification of the Commission's tax exempt status from Lee Burke and Acting President Cole.

After extensive discussion of the proposed members of the commission and of the advisory board, it was determined:

1. That the advisory board be designated Board of Consultants;
2. That Bishop Dougherty invite Sr. Margherita Marchione, M.P.F., and Sr. Regina, O.P. to join the commission; also, Professor Richard P. McCormick.
3. That a revised list of proposed members of the Board of Consultants be circulated to the Seton Hall University Alumni office, grants office and public relations office and the president's office for suggestions and advice.

Msgr. Field reported that the contract for the transfer of the Newark archdiocesan archives to the Library at SHU is complete, "except for a few words and \$5,000.00 for the transfer expenses." Conclusion of the matter is anticipated shortly.

After discussion, the Commission decided to recommend Rev. Clement Buckley, C.P., as the consultant to evaluate for Archbishop Gerety the significance of the archival material and the adequacy of arrangements for transfer and use at Seton Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

