

Dear Fr. Dan,

I am sorry to hear that you are ill; my prayers are that you recover soon, and fully.

I have attached a copy of my Metropolitan Council report to the Diocesan Council that I gave on Tuesday. It was unclear to me whether the Diocese will include it in the minutes or not, but as a Dean - indeed, my Dean -- I believe it is your prerogative to see it.

After reading my report I asked Joe Kormos ( who chaired the meeting) if the time was appropriate to make my motion ( see attachment). He said to continue, but when after reading it, I attempted to add a clause to it that I had forgotten, Mickey Herzig (sp?) protested to the Bishop that the whole motion was “unacceptable”. The Bishop agreed, and vetoed any further consideration. Joe asked if I would withdraw it, which I said I would if that is what the Bishop desired, but I would like it included in the minutes. Mickey protested that it had not had a second and therefore was inadmissible. Kitty Mabus, as parliamentarian, pointed out that a second was not necessary since it was not to be voted on anyway and should be included. Joe ruled with Kitty.

Following lunch, Joe reversed himself and said since there had never been a second it would not be included in the minutes. He then asked that all copies of the resolution be handed into the chair. It was not clear to me whether the report was to be included in the minutes or not. My guess is that it will not be.

I have little to add to what I wrote, only to confirm, as I did at the Council, that I have the documentation ( Forms 990, property title records, etc.), to validate all that I wrote and that anybody was welcome to see them. No one chose to look.

I have spoken to the Metropolitan and Fr. Bob, in private and in public, privately and publicly to the Metropolitan Council and its members, privately and publicly to the Bishop, and publicly to the Diocesan Council and Deans. No one wishes to pursue these matters.

Lest I justify the continuing calumnies against me that this is “really about trying to bring democracy into the Church” or “ a personal vendetta” by those “with an agenda” or “about converts who are really not of us trying to make trouble”, please know that I see no reason, apart from informing you, to pursue the matter publicly or privately in the future.

Sincerely

Mark Stokoe