

**SYNOD COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, 25 November 2014
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.**

Opening Devotions – Brad Smith – led us in prayer including a meditation and Collect for the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Present: Bishop Michael Oulton, Wayne Varley, Alex Pierson, Haynes Hubbard, Audrey Doliszny, Sharon Dunlop, Mary Irwin-Gibson, Valerie Kelly, Michael Rice, John Secker, Brad Smith, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Eleanor Rogers, Roy Conacher, Charles Morris, Doug Green, Ken Healy, Christine Downey, Peter Bunn, Brenda Hobbs, Kathleen Smith, Al Danforth

Regrets: Heather Grimshaw, Marilyn Clarkin

Guests: Parish Leadership of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Picton
Parish Leadership of St. John’s, Stirling

**Action Required by
Synod Council**

Agenda Review and Adoption

Bishop

MOTION:

CMorris/SDunlop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Chair’s Remarks

Bishop

The Bishop introduced two appointments: Brenda Hobbs (ACW) of St. John’s, Bath and Kathleen Smith, St. James (Kingston) and a student at Queen’s University. The Bishop invited members of Synod Council to briefly introduce themselves around the Council. Synod Council was reminded Rev. Jonathon Kouri’s ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests on Sunday, November 30th at 5pm, St. John Church, Bancroft. Members were asked to hold Rev. Kouri’s father in prayer. On Sunday, Dec 7th at 5pm at The Cathedral,

- Dr. William Morrow, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons and will serve as an honorary assistant, educator and preacher at The Cathedral and more broadly in the Diocese in a teaching capacity.
- The Rev. Dr. Douglas Fox will be installation into the Canonry of St. Ninian
- Mr. Garth Allen will be officially installed as Vice-Chancellor of Diocese.

**Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Picton
-Tower Restoration Project**

Wayne Varley

Considerable discussion developed with the major question to address how monies should be spent: on buildings or ministry? The Bishop noted a formal discussion on this issue needs to occur.

MOTION:

BSmith/KHealy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the proposed restoration of the tower at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Picton, by Eastern Restoration at an estimated cost of \$297,000 (plus HST).

CARRIED

**St. John's, Stirling
-Proposed Business Plan**

Considerable discussion and clarification on the seven points of the business plan occurred, particularly item two: the reversal/suspension of interest charged to the Parish's account. Each request made to Synod Council is considered individually.

MOTION:

APierson/BSmith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council receive the proposed business plan for St. John's Church, Stirling, and approve its recommendations as the way forward.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes 28 October 2014

Bishop

MOTION:

HNeil-Burchert/PBunn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

• Business Arising

○ **Camp Hyanto Terms of Reference**

Wayne Varley

Wayne Varley will be meeting with the Camp Hyanto Board to discuss issues with the view that Board members attend the January meeting of Synod Council.

○ **Third Party Liability & Use of Facilities**

John Secker

a conversation was had with PBL Insurance Ltd.; the hand-out, "Event Liability Insurance Policy" was given to Council; details will be worked out prior to being distributed to Parishes; small groups using facilities can apply through this group for coverage; the Ecclesiastical Group coverage strongly recommends Third Party Liability coverage be assured. The "Template License Agreement" is currently available from the Diocese for parishes to use and is strongly recommended to not hold gatherings without a signed agreement. Information for a policy proposal needs to be ascertained; John Secker will provide this at the January.

○ **Synod Council Schedule of Meetings** – the Motion made at the October meeting to discuss changing the regularly scheduled monthly meetings was tabled.

MOTION:

KHealy/PBunn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT motion be raised from the table.

DEFEATED

o **Ministry Task Force Implementation**

Wayne Varley

A meeting will be held on Friday, December 5th involving Regional Deans & BAC [Archdeacons, Dean Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop Oulton] to move forward with implementing the MTF and begin the process of establishing a covenant process with the Parishes. Thereafter the MTF Committee from Synod Council will be invited to join the discussion.

Communications Committee Terms of Reference

Brad Smith

MOTION:

BSmith/CMorris

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the Communications Committee Terms of Reference 2014.

CARRIED

Finance Committee

Alex Pierson

- **Unaudited Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Surplus for the period ending 31 October 2014**
- **Parish Receivables**

Alex noted the Revenue is tracking to the Budget Plan; Expenses are under budget due to the Congregational Development & Stewardship position being reconfigured; John Secker's attention to detail in the Budget Variance Analysis was noted. Appreciation for the work of the Finance Committee was expressed.

Governance Committee

A meeting of the group will occur prior to the year's end.

Consent Agenda

Meeting Evaluation

Council was encouraged to fill out and return to Wayne Varley the evaluation form.

Adjournment and Grace: a motion to adjourn was made by Haroldine Neil-Burchert and seconded by Ken Healy that the meeting be adjourned. Concluded at 8:13pm with the Grace.

Date of Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, 27 January 2014
Christ Church, Cataraqui
6 p.m.**

Devotions: Canon John Secker

Confirmed:

Bishop

Secretary

Date