

**SYNOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015  
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI  
6PM**

**Opening Devotions:** **Mary Irwin-Gibson**

Mary opened the meeting with the Gospel reading Mark 8:31-38 followed by a reflective commentary and question for individual and personal engagement.

**Present:** Bishop Michael Oulton, Wayne Varley, Charles Morris, Ken Healy, Haynes Hubbard, Al Danford, Mary Irwin Gibson, Voila David, Marilyn Clarkin, Doug Green, Audrey Doliszny, Kathleen Smith, Peter Bunn, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw, Michael Rice, Garth Allen.

**Regrets:** Roy Conacher, John Secker, Christine Downey, Sharon Dunlop, Alex Pierson, Eleanor Rogers, Brad Smith, Brenda Hobbs

**Guests:** David McGrath, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Greater Kingston & Frontenac; Rod Stokes, Volunteer & Chair of the Habitat Build Committee

**Agenda Review & Adoption:** **Bishop**

**MOTION:** **H Neil-Burchert/M Rice**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes 27 January 2015**

**MOTION:** **M Clarkin/P Bunn**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of 27 January 2015 be accepted as presented.

- Charles Morris noted his name absent from the attendance list
- Page 2, Camp Hyanto presentation; the following statement was added to item #3 in the first bulleted point: “the Parish pays an annual sum of \$1,000.00 to Camp Hyanto.”
- Page 1, change the word “Agenda” to “Minutes”

**CARRIED**

- **Business Arising**

**The Church of the Good Shepherd &  
Habitat for Humanity**

**Bishop, D. McGrath, R. Stokes**

Bishop Oulton introduced the representatives of Habitat for Humanity and provided the historical background including the study by Queen’s School of Urban & Regional Planning as it pertains to Good Shepherd.

Dave McGrath made a power-point presentation of the proposed 5 street front townhouses and one-storey Community ministry building to replace the current building. Clarification was sought on:

- the design plan as the hand-out differed from the power-point.
- “gifting” the property and the subsequent ministry centre being constructed in return; a value expected to exceed \$150,000.
- the need for accessibility
- incorporation of key religious items from the existing Good Shepherd building

The presentation was for information thereby giving Synod Council ample time to consider the decision to move forward. A decision is expected to be made in the coming months. Should approval be given an anticipated demolition date is being considered for April 2016. The Reverend Canon Dr. Douglas Fox has been appointed Priest-in-Charge for the coming year. Bishop Oulton noted that following the Eucharistic Service on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd there was enthusiasm for the proposed site as well as moving them [the congregation] “out of limbo.”

#### **Ministry Task Force Implementation Committee**

**Haynes Hubbard**

Up-date: it was noted that on February 10<sup>th</sup> an e-mail was circulated by the Ministry Task Force Implementation Team to Diocesan Clergy, Wardens and Lay Delegates to clarify uncertainties of the Covenant. The Implementation Team serves to assist parishes with implementing the Covenant. Over the past month the Bishop has met with all four Clericus noting parish responses, creative ministries, means of communication of programs and projects. The Bishop would like to visit every parish and sit in on a council meeting between now and the next Synod (2016) to hear the experiences and stories of individual parishes’ life in the diocese.

#### **Finance Committee**

**Wayne Varley**

- **Unaudited Statement of Revenue**
- **Expenses & Surplus to 31 December 2014**

In the absence of John Secker and Alex Pierson, Wayne noted on page 1 revenue over expenses with a surplus of \$88,344 highlighting this is due to the change of the Stewardship Office reconfiguration and Canon David Smith’s part time ministry in The Anglican Parish of Marysburgh. Parish receivables are slightly improved over last year and are tracking close to budget. The expectation is this will be a fairly accurate report.

- **Diocesan Centre Analysis**

Peter Case has met with Diocesan staff, considering strengths, weaknesses, etc. The Finance Committee will look at costs more specifically in accordance with template as distributed at the January Synod Council meeting. A report is expected to Synod Council in June 2015.

**Canons & Governance Committee**

**Ken Healy**

- **Third Party Liability**

A hand-out was provided to Council members prior to the meeting and distributed to the parishes and included a memorandum, application form to PBL Insurance Limited, a sample application form completed and a rating guide for Event Liability Insurance.

- **“Screening in Faith” or “Safeguarding Parishes”**

The consideration for a name change is not fully endorsed. The recommendation was made to delay this consideration until after the next Governance Committee meeting. The term “Screening” has been used for the past number of years and this should be considered before changing the name.

**Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario  
& Cathedral Church of St. George**

**Bishop**

- **Statement of Claim**

- The Diocese has been served with a civil suit in the amount of \$2,650,000 along with The Cathedral Church of St. George, The Limestone District School Board and John Gallienne. The appropriate parties have been notified. Notification will be sent to the clergy of the diocese that requests for comment are to be directed to the Diocesan Executive Officer. Prayers are offered for those victimized and the victimizer. Once again, this underlies the importance of “risk” and the necessity of screening.

**Consent Agenda**

- nothing to include

**Meeting Evaluation**

- The Bishop invited the Council members to fill out the evaluation form

**Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

**Date of Next Meeting:**        **Tuesday, 24 March 2015**  
   **Christ Church, Cataraqui**  
   **6PM**

**Devotions:** Ken Healy

**Confirmed:**

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**Bishop**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**