

**SYNOD COUNCIL
AGENDA
TUESDAY, 27 January 2015
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.**

Opening Devotions: Canon John Secker

John led us in a reflection by Pastor Wally Odum which encouraged individuals to work together, putting others first; living the Christian imperative to bring about the Kingdom of God.

Present: Brad Smith, Wayne Varley, Christine Downey, Ken Healy, Brenda Hobbs, Haynes Hubbard, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Audrey Doliszny, Doug Green, Al Danford, Michael Rice, John Secker, Kathleen Smith, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw, Mary Irwin-Gibson, Sharon Dunlop, Garth Allen

Regrets: Alex Pierson, Peter Bunn, Michael Oulton, Eleanor Rogers, Roy Conacher

Guests: Archdeacon Bill Clarke, Rev. Bram Pearce

**Action Required by
Synod Council**

Agenda Review and Adoption

Brad Smith

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

CDowney/ADoliszny

Chair's Remarks

WVarley

- Bishop Oulton is at the Anglican-United Church Dialogue in Canada meeting in Saskatoon, January 26-29, 2015 at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre
- Appointing the Venerable Andrew Chisholm as Incumbent of St. James' Anglican Church (Kingston) beginning 15 Mar 2015

Approval of Minutes 25 November 2014

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

CMorris/HNeil-Burchert

Ministry Task Force (MTF) Implementation Committee – has met and will have a more full report at the next Synod Council meeting. Clarification was made concerning the due date for the Covenant Agreement to be returned to the Diocese (Feb 15th). It is a flexible date and was established as a starting date.

- **Business Arising**

Parish of Kitley - correspondence for information was presented - the Parish is working on their plan and when monies are realized through the sale of the former St. James' Church (Jellyby) and the anticipated sale of the Frankville property then Synod Council will be notified and seek to continue

plans for the renovation of St Paul's Church (Newbliss) and construct an attached hall to replace the existing detached hall.

Camp Hyanto Presentation

Bill Clarke, Bram Pearce

Report to Synod Council –

- Three areas of concern were raised:
 1. Deficit, attendance & advertising: a plan to address deficit; attendance needs to be increased; increase fees to the camping season; shifting advertising focus, the Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus Camp closed several years ago; the Archdiocese welcomed a request to advertise Camp Hyanto in their diocesan newspaper, *Journey*
 2. Family Camp: Camp Hyanto cannot financially carry Family Camp
 3. Off-season use the Camp: the Camp is shut down with the exception of heat to prevent pipes from bursting: the hall is used by the Parish yet the cost is applied to the Camp
- Action: Launch a pre-authorized giving campaign: 1,000 people to give \$10 each per month to help address the deficit.
- Additional concern: Staffing is slim with the following staffing needed: a program director, a part-time administrative assistant for June, July & August, a spiritual director, maintenance worker(s), head councilors (male & female) and an arts & craft coordinator

Resolution:

KHealy/SDunlop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council receive the Report of the Camp Hyanto Board dated January 2015.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued about the number of campers required to “fill” the camp for a season and how it would relate to financially supporting the viability of the Camp, retention trends, program planning, etc.

Resolution:

HHubbard/BHobbs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the proposed pre-authorized giving campaign to the parishes and congregations of the Diocese in March 2015.

CARRIED

- **Unaudited Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Deficit for the year ending Dec 31, 2014**

Finance Committee

Parish Receivables

John Secker

- John Secker noted positive plans for re-payment in the parishes; new issues however do crop up with appropriate follow-up conversations.

Three tasks being undertaken (handouts):

- **Diocesan Centre Analysis** – assess current space and costs; options, etc.
- **Church Bookroom Viability Analysis** – its mission, inventory, space review, history (headed by Eleanor Rogers)
- **Financial Viability Analysis Project** – develop long-term planning

Governance Committee

Ken Healy

- Meetings were held at the December & January meetings including: Wayne Varley, Chancellors Conacher & Allen, Eleanor Rogers & Ken Healy with the following notes:
 - *3rd party liability* - propose that policy be administered in-house/central administration; insurers have submitted information to the Diocese and it will be brought to the next Synod Council meeting. Aim is for consistency diocesan-wide. Template for the license agreement is available through the Diocese. Make available a package of information from the Diocese to Parishes with suggested approval at the February meeting.
 - *Screening-in-Faith* – report of January available with recommendations to enforce compliance with Parishes; review policy for lack of compliance; change the name suggested. *Safe-guarding Parishes*. provisional change
 - Ken accepted the position as Chair of the Governance Committee

Resolution:

KHealy/MRice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the Committee’s change of name to the Canons and Governance Committee.

CARRIED

Note: At present these are *not* two separate committees.

Consent Agenda

-Nothing

Meeting Evaluation

Adjournment and Grace at 7:10pm

CDowney/HNeil-Burchert

Date of Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, 24 February 2015
Christ Church, Cataraqui
6 p.m.**

Devotions: Mary Irwin-Gibson

Confirmed:

Bishop

Secretary

Date