

**SYNOD COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2015
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.**

In the absence of Bishop Michael Oulton, the meeting was called to order by Brad Smith, Vice Chair.

Opening Devotions: Ken Healy: A writing from Daybreaks, for the 24th day in March, followed by a prayer.

Present: Wayne Varley, Ken Healy, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Al Danford, Michael Rice, Kathleen Smith, Heather Grimshaw, Peter Bunn, Alex Pierson, John Secker, Brad Smith, Brenda Hobbs, Christine Downey, Charles Morris, Sharon Dunlop, Roy Conacher

Regrets: Michael Oulton, Mary Irwin Gibson, Valerie Kelly, Doug Green, Audrey Doliszny, Eleanor Rogers

**Action Required by
Synod Council**

Agenda Review and Adoption

Brad Smith

MOTION:

C Morris/P Bunn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Add to the Agenda: the Application for a Loan/Grant to the Anglican Foundation from St. Luke's, Kingston

Chair's Remarks

Bishop Oulton is at Provincial House of Bishops meeting.

Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2015

MOTION:

H Neil-Burchert/C Downey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising - Nil

Statement of Claim – advised by Wayne Varley that :

1) The normal response including informing the insurers. Because the claim is for \$2.55M there may be financial exposure to the Cathedral and Synod

Covenant Celebration Team

Christine Downey

Christine Downey advised that at a recent meeting the following was discussed:

- 1 The new name change for the team reflects what is happening in the Diocese.
- 1) Thank you letters are being sent to parishes who have sent in Covenant documents. To date nine parishes have submitted documents.
- 2) When the Bishop visits each parish it was suggested that the parish discuss any difficulties with the Covenant, and any enthusiastic progress.
- 3) In the Fall space has been reserved in Dialogue regarding the Covenant process and ministries of success and challenges in the parishes
- 4) Suggestion was made for a Deanery wide celebration in October creating a diocesan focus - enthusiasm and excitement
- 5) Suggestion was made that Synod Council also engage in the same process of covenanting

Finance Committee

Alex Pierson

Alex Pierson referred to the Finance Committee document circulated at the meeting. The Auditors have completed their Audit for the Diocese and the Report is forthcoming; will be presented at Synod Council meeting possibly in April or May.

Good news is the surplus created in the Diocesan office for 2014 at approximately \$87,000. On the down side Camp Hyanto had a deficit of approx \$80,000+ in 2014. The Bookroom in comparison to 2013 had a small deficit.

The Finance Committee has grave concerns about Camp Hyanto finances and recommend that a motion be passed stating that if the camp can't reduce its deficit in 2015 by half (\$45,500), it will not operate in 2016.

The Finance Committee recommended that Synod Council direct Family Camp organizers to share in the expenses of running the camp, specifically the cost of the food provided to family campers and their guests. A suggested figure is \$8,000 in addition to individual charges for meals shared by part-time participants (guests) at Family Camp.

Alex Pierson spoke of Finance Committee Updates, advising that the 2016 draft budget will be available in September.

Further discussion to place re the deficit of Camp Hyanto and whether or not they can continue for 2016. A question was raised about the Family Camp and the cost for one week. The financial structure to support the camp seems to have been reduced to half.

Wayne Varley reported that some donations have been received by preauthorized giving towards Camp Hyanto; to date about \$4000.

The consensus is that the governing body of the diocese and governing body for Camp Hyanto will meet together.

Parish Receivables – February 2014 to February 2015 we are about 20% down (approx \$100,000).

Canons and Governance Committee

Ken Healey

Ken Healy reported that the Committee met on March 2 and will be meeting again at the end of April. A report to Synod Council will come after that. Bishop Oulton is currently preparing a letter for parishes on the issue of 'screening in faith'.

A brochure has been prepared by St. Lawrence parish on screening in faith.

Parish Resolutions

Wayne Varley

The following motions were made and discussion held pertaining to the applications for a loan/grant:

MOTION:

M Rice/A Pierson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the installation of a new roof at Christ Church, Belleville at an estimated cost of \$65,000.

CARRIED

MOTION:

C Morris/P Bunn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the application to the Anglican Foundation of Canada from the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Picton for a grant of \$15,000 in support of the restoration of the church tower.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Haroldine/S Dunlop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the application to the Anglican Foundation of Canada from St Luke’s, Kingston for a grant of \$15,000 in support of the installation of solar panels.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda - nil

Meeting Evaluation – will be sent to Council members electronically

Fr Haynes Hubbard advised of the meeting on April 11 at Christ Church Cataraqui with John Bowen speaking about what the church could look like in the 21st Century. Cost is \$10 (includes lunch), begins at 9:30am; contact Fr Haynes 613-546-3386 to register.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 28 April 2015
6:00 pm
Christ Church Cataraqui

Devotions: Sharon Dunlop

Confirmed:

Bishop

Secretary

Date