

**SYNOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, 28 April 2015  
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI  
6:00 P.M.**

**Opening Devotions:** Sharon Dunlop, reflection from the book, Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry, and Living Ecological Justice with a focus on humanity's interdependence on creation.

**Present:** Bishop Oulton, Wayne Varley, Roy Conacher, John Secker, Charles Morris, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Peter Bunn, Ken Healy, Brenda Hobbs, Christine Downey, Brad Smith, Alex Pierson, Michael Rice, Al Danford, Doug Green, Marilyn Clarkin, Audrey Doliszny, Sharon Dunlop, Eleanor Rogers, Voila David

**Regrets:** Haynes Hubbard, Kathleen Smith, Mary Irwin-Gibson

**Guest:** Ryan Moore of Collins Barrow, Peter Case

**Action Required by  
Synod Council**

**Agenda Review and Adoption**

**Bishop**

**MOTION:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

Note: that under the Finance Committee: the Diocese of Ontario 2016 Budget Process has been made available.

**CARRIED.**

**Chair's Remarks**

**Bishop**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> ordinations of:** Don Goodwin to be ordained vocational deacon, Gerry Moore and Bill Morrow to be ordained as priests; Rev. Nancy MacLeod will be collated as Archdeacon of the St. Lawrence.

**Parish Leadership Workshops** – in response to an expressed desire of Synod 2014, the first of three leadership workshops were held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, including Clergy, Lay Delegates, Wardens and Treasurers.

**Ministry Task Force Covenant Team** – consideration of extending the Covenant to include the Diocese; to date, the Bishop has attended five parish council meetings hearing the challenges of the parish and discussing the Covenant.

**Approval of Minutes 24 March 2015****MOTION:****HNeil-Burchert/PBunn****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of 24 March 2015 be accepted as presented.**CARRIED****- Business Arising**

**- Camp Hyanto** – a written and verbal up-dated report on the Camp will be presented at the May Synod Council meeting, with an invitation to the Board of Camp Hyanto to attend the Synod Council meeting in September. Wayne noted that both Carol Fitzpatrick and Bill Clarke indicate some success in fund-raising. Three additional donations from: CIBC Children's Foundation of \$12,500 in funds and bursaries; \$50,000 by a Diocesan parishioner and a Parrott Foundation grant awarded in the amount of \$100,000 for capital projects.

**Finance Committee****Alex Pierson, Ryan Moore****- Report of Audit Committee and Resolution**

Ryan expressed thanks on behalf of Collins Barrow for retaining their firm, this being their second year as auditors with the Diocese. Ryan also thanked the Diocesan Staff for their support in the auditing process. The 2014 auditors' report indicates the finances have been fairly stated and there is no evidence of fraud. Ryan discussed the Statements and responded to questions.

**Audit Committee report:** committee members are: Eleanor Rogers, Michael Read, Peter Case and are established as an independent group; the report assures the financial statements are presented fairly and it recommends to Synod Council that it approve the statements as presented.

**MOTION:****APierson/ERogers****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Synod Council approve the audited financial statements of The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario; the Church Bookroom; and Camp Hyanto for the year ending December 31, 2014.**CARRIED****- 2016 Unaudited Financial Statement & Parish Receivables Alex Pierson**

Alex noted the Audit Committee is a canonical committee and extended thanks to Peter Case for his leadership on the Committee. Alex noted the March actuals are tracking according to budget. Alex addressed the 2016 Budget Process steps. Regional meetings are anticipated for June and then again in the Fall with the draft budget for another set of regional meetings. The Bishop extended thanks and appreciation to the work by the Audit Committee.

**The Church of the Good Shepherd, Kingston and  
Habitat for Humanity**

**Bishop**

The following motion was tabled and discussion ensued around anticipated plans for the new ministry outreach centre.

**MOTION:**

**BSmith/KHealy**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** pending the required approval of all involved parties Synod Council approve, in principle, the donation of the Church of the Good Shepherd property in Kingston to Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of the construction of five townhouses and a community use facility, the latter to be retained by the Synod.

**CARRIED**

**Parish Resolutions**

**Wayne Varley**

**- St. Mark's, Barriefield**

**MOTION:**

**SDunlop/ADoliszny**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Synod Council approve the installation of a new roof, doors, and repairs/repainting to the St. Mark's, Barriefield, Church Hall in the amount of \$67,860.

**CARRIED**

**Covenant Celebration Team**

**Audrey Doliszny, Christine Downey**

**- Update**

Christine noted that Covenants continue to be received; to date fifteen have been received; thank you letters to the parishes whose covenants have been received have been/are being sent. The next meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Canons and Governance Committee**

**Ken Healy**

Nothing to report to-date. The next meeting will be within the next two weeks with a report available for the May Synod Council meeting.

**Consent Agenda** – nothing to report

**Meeting Evaluation** – the evaluation was available as an attachment; an invitation to fill-in the evaluation was extended.

**The meeting adjourned** with the Grace at 8:05pm

**MRice/MClarkin**

**Date of Next Meeting:** **Tuesday 26 May 2015**  
**6 pm**  
**Christ Church, Cataraqui**

**Devotions:** Valerie Kelly

**Notice of Annual Meeting of Holding Corporation**

**Confirmed:**

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**Bishop**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**