

**SYNOD COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2015
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.**

Brad Smith, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:01pm.

Opening Devotions: Rev. Valerie led opening devotions with prayers from the New Zealand Prayer Book with a focus on Trinity Sunday; Kathleen Smith read Psalm 97 as part of the devotion.

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

Regrets: Bishop Oulton, Heather Grimshaw, Marilyn Clarkin, Sharon Dunlop

Guests: Michael Read & Parish leadership (Rod Palmer & Jack Alexander) of St. Lawrence Church (Brockville); Camp Hyanto Board Members: Bill Clarke & Carol Fitzpatrick

**Action Required by
Synod Council**

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented.

PBunn/HNeil-Burchert

CARRIED

Chair's Remarks

- Bishop Oulton is in Ottawa en route to Virginia for the Sixth Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue from May 27th-31st.
- A reminder of ordinations and collation on Sunday, June 7th, 5pm, at The Cathedral of St. George. Don Goodwin will be ordained into the Vocational Diaconate, Bill Morrow and Gerry Moore will be ordained into the Priesthood, Nancy MacLeod will be collated Archdeacon of the St. Lawrence; the colour is red; choirs across the Diocese are invited to participate.
- Prayers are requested for Canon Chris Carr and his wife Connie who are both ill.
- The Annual Bishop's Dinner is Monday, June 8th at Four Points, Sheraton; tickets are available. Guest speaker is Lawrence Scanlon.
- Kathleen Smith (appointed Youth member of Synod Council) begins an internship with the Provincial Government in July. She is resigning as a member of Synod Council. The Bishop's letter extended thanks, appreciation and gratitude for Kathleen's commitment and participation in Synod Council, and offered prayers for her continued success.

Approval of Minutes 28 April 2015

MOTION: **CMorris/ERogers**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 28 April 2015 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Brad extended thanks to both the lay & clerical secretaries for their prompt completion of the Minutes.

- Business Arising

Parish of St. Lawrence (Brockville)
-Accessibility Project

Wayne Varley
Parish Leadership

Wayne extended a welcome to the leadership of St. Lawrence Parish. If the accessibility request is approved, an application to the Anglican Foundation will be made for \$15,000 and submitted to Synod Council at the June meeting for consideration. Funding is being sought with the assistance of Paul Clur; fifteen thousand dollars has already been raised by the Parish.

MOTION: **KHealy/HHubbard**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the installation of an accessibility ramp in the Parish of St. Lawrence, Brockville, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.
CARRIED

Camp Hyanto
-Up-date & Outlook

Hyanto Board
Bill Clarke

Bill Clarke apologized for not submitting a written report.

Registration as of May 25th stands at 73 with the bulk of registrations expected in June and July. As last year, an advertisement in the Roman Catholic newspaper *Journey* will be placed; advertisement in northern New York State is also considered. PAG (Pre-authorized Giving) is disappointing: 26 people have committed a total of \$5,040 and seven individual donations of \$120 each. Staff positions are filled for the 2015 season; some positions amalgamated for cost savings. Noel Henry, a Tyndale College student and candidate for postulancy in the Diocese of Toronto, will fill a ministerial position.

Property: two of three work bees have been completed with the third scheduled for June 6th. Washrooms need repair – seeking additional bids from local construction companies; refrigerator needed replacement (cost covered by insurance); as noted at the April meeting a \$100,000 grant was received from the Parrott Foundation and \$51,000 was received from a private donor.

Discussion: financial outlook is “tight” for this summer with approximately a \$40-\$50,000 deficit. It was recommended the current work and on-going fund-raising continue, also to establish a Task Force to come up with a viable and robust Strategic Plan. It was agreed a Task Force would be struck at the June meeting with an anticipated report to Synod Council by the end of the year and the goal moving towards a report to Synod 2016. The primary focus resulting from the Ministry Task Force survey was focus on children and youth. The work accomplished to-date was acknowledged and praised. A clear answer on the future of the Camp is needed.

Covenant Celebration Team**CDowney**

There was no May meeting, a June meeting is scheduled with the aim of having discussion around youth & children and ministry. Not all “thank you notes” have been received in individual Parishes. Covenants continue to trickle in to the Team.

Finance Committee**Alex Pierson**

- Unaudited Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Surplus to April 30, 2015
- Recent Parish Leadership Workshops
- June 2 Budget Consultations

Highlights from April Statement – finances are tracking quite well at present; there are no significant items.

Parish receivables are slightly under from May 2014.

2016 Budget Consultation –the next archdeaconry consultation will be on Tuesday, June 2nd 7-9pp at: Tyendinaga; St. Thomas (Kingston); St. Lawrence (Brockville), hosted by the Finance Committee. These consultations will be of value to those interested in financially investing in ministry that is important to them and is meant to be part of the overall transformation the diocese is engaged in. Based on input from the Consultations, follow-up Fall regional meetings will occur.

Discussion: It was noted the budget of the Diocesan Training & Development Committee is an example of good structural model. The Governance Committee is also looking into input and organization. The MTF (Ministry Task Force) is a process to discern ministry at its local level with a vision moving from the present into the future highlighting growth with the Budget serving as a tool to implement ministry.

Canons and Governance Committee**Ken Healy**

- Interim Report on Canon Revisions

Highlights of the meeting focused on the Provincial [and Federal and CRA] Not for Profit Legislation, whose aim is ensuring accountability for charity and non-charity organizations. As a result, corporate structures (canons) need to be reviewed up-dated. Approval of revised Canons is anticipated for Synod 2016 however there is 3-year implementation period.

Consent Agenda – nothing to note

Other business – no other business

Meeting Evaluation – members were encouraged to fill out the evaluation form.

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Holding Corporation and Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Date of Next Meeting: **Tuesday 23 June 2015**
 6 pm
 Christ Church, Cataraqui
 Devotions: Michael Rice

Bishop Michael Oulton

Secretary

Date