

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, April 26, 2016
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Meeting was opened by Venerable Wayne Varley, Vice-Chair, at 6pm.
Wayne Varley welcomed Archdeacon Clarke, on behalf of the Finance Committee and Camp Hyanto.

Present: Wayne Varley, Heather Grimshaw, Christine Downey, John Green, Ken Healy, Audrey Doliszny, Mike Rice, Eleanor Rogers, Charles Morris, John Secker, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Haynes Hubbard, Peter Bunn, Voila David, Brenda Hobbs, Sharon Dunlop, Roy Conacher

Regrets: Bishop Michael Oulton, Alex Pierson, Valerie Kelly, Garth Allen

Guest: Venerable Bill Clarke

Opening Devotions: Led by readers Sharon Dunlop, Christine Downey and Heather Grimshaw.
The theme was “we are the workers in a master kingdom” and finished with descriptive of The Lord’s Prayer.

Agenda Review and Adoption

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented

**Chair
E Rogers/K Healy
CARRIED**

Chair’s Remarks and Bishop’s Update

1. Charles Morris is appointed to Office of Archdeacon of Ontario for deanery of Hastings and Quinte
2. Annual Clergy Retreat takes place May 1-3 facilitated by Canon Megan Collins More from University of Waterloo
3. Canon Lynn Dilabough is appointed Incumbent of St. Paul’s Brockville effective May 1
4. Canon Donald Davidson is appointed Dean of St. George’s Cathedral and Rector of Kingston effective Sept 1

Chair

Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 23 February 2016 be accepted as circulated.

**H Neil-Burchert/B Hobbs
CARRIED**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Peter Bunn questioned the report re CMM – will Finance Committee report be in its entirety this evening or will there be more?

Wayne Varley advised there will likely be more to come.

Financial Update – end of March 2016

Revenue over Expenses for the period are in a favourable position.

John Secker

Receivables are being looked at by the finance committee and contacting and consulting parishes is ongoing; planning on how to resolve those matters.

Receivables are impacted by the share of the recent insurance bill to the parishes. Approx \$300,000 divided to parishes and allowed to pay up to the end of October.

Note so far \$679 has been received towards Hyanto (voluntary at this point)

John S replied to questions regarding Camp Hyanto and 2016 Budget, and Revenues and Expenditures Statement of Income was presented from the Church Bookroom.

Finance Committee Update

Bill Clarke/Eleanor Rogers

- Receivables Quarterly Update

Bill Clarke reviewed the Parish Receivables to the end of the first quarter 2016 in comparison to 2015 at the same date

- Diocesan Centre Update

Bill advised on the update of value of building/property of Diocesan Centre. Eleanor advised that other professional opinions are being sought to substantiate the opinions.

- Bookroom Update

The QSB Report on the Bookroom has been received and some changes are taking place at this time. Some insistence and encouragement continues.

- Camp Hyanto Update

Working Group is moving forward, current discussions taking place, 2016 budget has been prepared; grant applications have been submitted for funds, fund raising is being discussed; hoping to receive voluntary financial help from parishes; possibly a request from synod council to parishes to remit any funds for Camp Hyanto by the end of October 2016; further challenge is now to locate a new Cook (Velma has retired) – difficult process.

- Common Ministry and Mission Allocation

Eleanor Rogers spoke to the CMM Allocation. The Finance Committee has reviewed the CMM paper and alternative practices.

- 2017 Budget Process

Wayne Varley spoke to the report and the first draft will be presented at June synod council meeting. The Budget will be presented to Synod in November.

Suggestion was provided from Charles Morris that Synod Delegates be included in regional sessions when held prior to November Synod meeting.

** Wayne Varley confirmed for the record: That consultations include parish leaders with particular emphasis to Lay Representatives attending Synod.

Suggestion from Charles Morris: A fulsome and wholesome discussion re CMM should be prepared for Synod in November in view of questions likely to come forward.

Further suggestion that parishes could consider a line item in their budget for Camp Hyanto.

Parish returns of statistical data are due to the Diocese if not already completed.

Members of Synod Council who attend Synod by appointment (from Bishop) are paid by the Diocese.

Canons and Governance Committee

Ken Healy

Nothing at this time. To be carried forward to next month.

Covenant Celebration Team Update

Doug Green

No meeting has been held for quite some time. Applications have been received from some parishes re Covenant funding.

Consent Agenda

Noting further at this time

Other Business

Discussion on Green Group Proposed Motion for Divestment: Green Group has met with the finance committee and made a presentation. Green Group would like to bring a resolution to Synod. A motion is coming for review soon. Green Group is keen to hold workshops.

Total investment of portfolio in energy is 15million and about \$100,000 is up for review. The group has met with financial advisers.

Some discussion took place regarding the stock investment/sale in the fuel industry. Whether we do divest or not, more discussion and education and wider conversation needs to take place.

Input on May Agenda Items

- Update from Synod Agenda Committee and Task Force
- 2017 Budget Guidance/Priorities
- Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report

Meeting Evaluations

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm, with The Grace said by all.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 - 6 pm
Christ Church Cataraqui
Devotions: Ken Healy**

Bishop

Secretary

Date