

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO  
SYNOD COUNCIL  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI  
6PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Alex Pierson, John Secker, Charles Morris, Christine Downey, Peter Bunn, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Voila David, Brenda Hobbs, Ken Healy, Sharon Dunlop, Al Danford, Michael Rice, Audrey Doliszny, Haynes Hubbard, Wayne Varley, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw, Garth Allen

**Regrets:** Bishop Michael Oulton, Eleanor Rogers, Doug Green, Roy Conacher

**Guests:** Doug Cowley, Rachel Marks (Delta)

**Opening Devotions:**

**Voila David**

Psalm 126 – the Lord has done great things for us – sometimes we overlook our blessings – let us be glad and grateful! Voila makes the connections between individuals of different faiths and backgrounds as all part of the greatness of and blessings from God.

**Election of Vice-Chair**

**CMorris/MRice**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wayne Varley be elected as vice-chair.**

**CARRIED**

**Agenda Review & Adoption**

**Chair**

**KHealey/HNeil-Burchert**

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

**CARRIED**

- A late submission from St. Thomas (Kingston) has been added.

**Chair's Remarks & Bishop's Up-date**

**Chair**

- **Appointment** – Tyendinaga has submitted their parish profile and is receiving Expressions of Interest
- **St. Paul's (Brockville) & The Cathedral of St. George** have scheduled interviews for Incumbent (St. Paul's) and Dean (The Cathedral).
- **Bishop emeritus George Bruce** has had surgery and is recovering in Toronto rehabilitation

- **Synod Agenda Task Force** has met and established pre-synod meeting for Sept 13, 14, 15; location dates to be announced
- **Rev. Janet Weller** is currently on short term disability as a result of a broken heal; Supply clergy have been arranged with The Rev. Graham Goode covering the majority
- **Bishop & Mark Hauser** – prepared Lenten videos, which are getting national coverage.
- **Grenville Christian College** – a program was aired earlier this month on the television program “W5” aired, with a couple of inquiries from across the Diocese

**Approval of Minutes – 26 January 2016**

**CMorris/SDunlop**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 26 January 2016 be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Nothing

**Stewardship & Congregational Development 2015 Report**

**Doug Cowley**

- A general discussion ensued concerning the power point presentation that had been submitted to members prior to the meeting

**St. Paul's Delta – Vision**

- Re-purposing of the church – an information presentation was provided
- Background: on Christmas Eve 2012 the church was closed and deconsecrated June 2013
- Rachel – runs non-profit organization “Rideau Islands & Lakes School”; works for Autism Ontario; with theatre organizing background
- Rachel presented the following: the area need of Delta to provide activities for children/youth, outreach to support groups, free community meals, a meeting place.
- This is a motivating endeavor, supported by the local community of Delta (Food Bank, Support Groups, Theatre Troup, etc.)
- Building Options: sell the building; sell at a reduced price but the Diocese will have engagement/input; Diocese maintains ownership with partnership of local community members with a long-term goal with re-consecrating the church; consideration of Heritage designation
- It is hoped a business plan will be submitted within the year to Synod Council

**Up-dated Unaudited Year End Results for 2015**

**Alex Pierson**

- Audit is 14 March 2016 with anticipated audited results available for the April or May Synod Council meeting
- Highlights were noted:
  - continuing to work through the report of the Church Bookroom
  - Camp Hyanto final cost - deficit has shrunk
  - net effect: surplus over budget funding has been provided to Camp Hyanto as well as to meet the Diocesan obligation to the National Church (the past withheld payment has been made)

- year end is at an even/consolidated level
- the Diocese of Ontario is noted by the National Church for its consistent contributions

**Canons & Governance Committee**

-no report as meeting was cancelled due to weather

**Covenant Celebration Team Up-date**

-no report as no meeting was held

**Discussion on the Structure of CMM & Allocation Costs of Ministry in the Diocese****Michael Rice**

- a power point presentation was offered providing a brief background on assessable income (CMM) and its present re-configuration in the Diocese along with apportioning examples across the Anglican Church of Canada
- options and objectives if CMM was to be changed
- summary of three assessment methods was offered – straight percentage of total assessable income; graduated/sliding scale; Diocesan budget allocated based on Diocesan revenue, excluding cost of ministry staff.
- follow-up from this presentation: to recommend to the Finance Committee they consider this with a report back to Synod Council in the very near future
- as a Diocese the apportionment system has been reviewed in the past
- appreciation expressed to Michael and others who prepared this power point

**Consent Agenda**

- **no items**

**Other Business**

- **St. Thomas (Kingston)** – letter read by Alex Pierson seeking approval to repave the parking lot at a cost of \$55,000; needing Synod Council approval as the cost is over \$40,000

**MOTION:****MRice/SDunlop**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT SYNOD COUNCIL approve the re-paving of the St. Thomas parking lot in the amount of \$55,000.**

**CARRIED****Input on March Agenda items**

- Follow-up to the CMM (apportionment) discussion from this evening

**Meeting Evaluation**

- Made available and members are encouraged to fill in the evaluation

**Adjournment**

- Moved by Haroldine Neil-Burchert to adjourn at 7:44 pm

**Next Meeting:           Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Location Christ Church, Cataraqui**  
**6pm**

**Devotions:** Wayne Varley

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**Bishop**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**