

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO  
SYNOD COUNCIL  
MAY 23, 2017  
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI - 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Bishop Michael Oulton, Alex Pierson, Charles Morris, John Secker, Christine Downey, Anne Patterson, Audrey Doliszny, Doug Cowley, Doug Green, Michael Rice, Dean Don Davidson, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Nancy Beale, Don Bailey, Sharon Dunlop, Viren Ogarah, Voila David, Robin Jones

**Regrets:** Heather Grimshaw, Wayne Varley, Brenda Hobbs, Al Danford

**Guests:** Ryan Moore (Collins Barrow), Cheryl Green-Betts (Hyanto), Trinity Parish: Valerie Lynds, Heather Whitty, Jim Young, Linda Thompson, Ian Ritchie

**Opening Devotions:**

**Christine Downey**

In light of the bombing in Manchester, England, Christine opened with the Prayer for Peace out of the Church of England and then led Council through a prayer reflection to open the meeting.

**Agenda Review and Adoption**

**Chair**

**Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update**

**Chair, Bishop Michael**

- A celebration of New Ministry for Bram Pearce will be held at St. Peter's (Collins Bay) Sunday, May 28 at 5pm
- Interim positions: John Robertson was thanked for his ministry at St. John's (Sydenham); Bob Hales will continue the interim position; Sue Beare is at St. John's (Bath)
- Quinte Deanery elected Richard Hetke as Regional Dean
- Isobel Robinson, wife of The Right Rev. William Robinson, died in Peterborough on 11 May 2017
- Canon Michael Read recovers from hip surgery, Reg Gilbert is interim at the Parish of the St. Lawrence during Michael's recover

**Approval of Minutes – 28 March 2017**

**Chair**

**MOTION:**

**DDavidson/APatterson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 28 March 2017 be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

Audrey Doliszny noted her name had not been recorded in the “regrets” section despite notifying the Diocesan Office. Doug Green noted the devotions for June are entrusted to him and not Doug Cowley.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

-none

### **Update on the “New Legacy Center” in Tamworth**

**Valerie Lynds**

Valerie made the following presentation: the greatest challenge for the center was finding a location. The vision of a drop-in storefront ministry was established in April 2013. A substantial amount of work of raising awareness, encouraging volunteers, and establishing a governance model occurred. The name “New Legacy Centre” was established in 2016. Much of the materials necessary to establish the physical interior of the Centre was donated. Food and clothing rooms were stocked. A parishioner of the local Catholic Church volunteers in the Office/Prayer Room. A kitchenette was created; all items were donated. A 2017 Budget was established with Christ Church approving the budget to support the ministry using up to \$7,000 of the Endowment Fund for this year only. The local Lions Club established an agreement with the Centre for Christmas food boxes. One mode of fund-raising is at the local soccer field’s canteen. Grant applications (2018) to the Napanee District Community Foundation are being filled out. There is an anticipated shortfall of \$1,455 for 2017 with a larger shortfall expected in 2018. Trinity Parish extended its thanks for the opportunity to speak to Synod Council. The Bishop also acknowledged the vision and dreams of the those involved in establishing the legacy centre with the fruits over the past two years showing results today.

### **Audit Committee - Auditor Presentation on 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements**

**Ryan Moore  
(Collins Barrow)**

Ryan Moore made the presentation of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2016. A letter signed by Synod Council is required prior to release the final statements, which were presented to Finance Committee last Thursday. The audit was to assess risks, mitigate them and make the presentation. A “clean opinion” was given from Collins Barrow. Once fully approved the Financial Statements will be posted on the Diocesan website.

### **Report of the Audit Committee**

**Nancy Beale**

#### **Report:**

The Finance Committee met May 17/17 in its capacity as the Diocesan Audit Committee, which reviewed the draft 2016 financial statement & received the report of the External Auditor. The Committee asked questions of both Management & the External Auditor and made suggestions with respect to the disclosure in the notes to the financial statement. The Committee met privately with the External Auditor following which it met privately by itself. Following its review and meeting, the Committee determined that it had gained reasonable assurance that the draft financial statement represents fairly the financial position of the Incorporated Synod as at 31 Dec 2016 and the results of

operations and cash flows for the year then ended. The Committee resolved to recommend that Synod Council approve the financial statement.

**MOTION****NBeale/DBailey**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT SYNOD COUNCIL accept and approve the auditors report.**

**CARRIED**

The Bishop noted the valuable contributions of Canon Peter Case and wished to express his gratitude noting Peter's outstanding corporate and audit experience.

**Hyanto Ministries****Cheryl Green-Betts**

Cheryl provided an up-date on Hyanto Ministries: Jason Silver created a new logo which was explained by Cheryl. Three of four VBS locations have been confirmed: Sydenham, Brockville and Wellington. Staffing interviews and offers are currently being considered to hire four staff. This summer's theme is *Strong and Courageous Kids*. This is Gate 3b of the 5-year business plan. Target camper ages is 8-14. Timeline: Campy Hyanto is closed for 2017; an anticipated four week opening in 2018 with hall rentals in the 'shoulder' seasons [Spring & Fall]; for 2019 anticipated 4-6 week opening with shoulder rentals also. Cheryl highlighted the requirement of fiscal responsibility. A draft budget has been prepared for the Camp. The Camp and VBS will be in operation simultaneously in 2018. The Bishop extended his gratitude to Cheryl and the task force for their commitment and timely efforts.

**MOTION****CMorris/DDavidson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next gate be delayed with its presentation to June meeting**

**CARRIED****Diocesan Center & Bookroom****Alex Pierson**

Up-date: the last piece of the overall move was Bookroom, which will continue to have clearance of its remaining products at the location on Bagot St. through June. The Bishop hosted a successful Open House in May and is planning one for the high-rise building in which the Center resides. Within the Center itself, flow of people needs to be improved; the technology is being up-graded to support diocesan on-line meetings.

**Request for Support of an Application to the Anglican Foundation  
& Request for a Capital Loan St. Philip's, Milford**

**Alex Pierson**

The roof on the hall at St. Philip's needs replacing. The request is to be considered as one of the three applications the Diocese can support in applying to the national Anglican Foundation. St. Philip's is seeking Synod Council's permission for that support and is seeking \$15,000. A hand-out was made available outlining the application.

**MOTION****CMorris/APatterson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT SYNOD COUNCIL approve the submission and invite Bishop Oulton to write a letter to the Anglican Foundation of Canada in support of the request of the St. Philip's application and project.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:**

**DBaily/DDavidson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT a loan from the Diocese of Ontario to St. Philip's Church repayable over a 5-year period be approved.**

**CARRIED**

### **Canons & Governance**

**Chancellor Roy Conacher**

The Chancellor noted the adoption of the new canons is scheduled for the 2018 Synod. The Canons Committee has met and will consult with others on drafts, required changes, wording and in October will start consulting with various groups within diocese with consultation concluding in February 2018. In March re-writes will begin based on recommendations and revisions. April-May an outline will be presented and offered to Synod Council in May for examination of the drafts. A target date of September 2018 for final draft at Synod for approval.

### **Wardens' & Treasurers' Day**

**Doug Cowley**

Will be held on Saturday, May 27 with the primary site of the Diocesan Office and satellite sites in Bath & Brockville (St. Paul's). Evaluations from prior Wardens & Treasurers Days indicated a desire to know more about the life of the diocese.

### **Covenant Celebration Team Update**

**Doug Green/Christine Downey**

Doug report there are 10 grants of \$500 each for 2017; four grant applications have been approved with a fifth being considered for the Alzheimer's Café (St. James). The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Information and grant applications can be found on the Diocesan website. An inventory of all grants awarded to enable future contact with those who've received grants and to report back to Synod Council on the ministries being renewed or created.

**Consent Agenda** (no items identified)

### **Other Business**

- Audrey Doliszny reported on the **Frontenac Regional** meeting at St. James earlier this month. The event was received with keen interest and enthusiasm in which representatives from parishes within the deanery shared one thing they were doing well. Diocesan guest speakers were Wayne Varley (Archdeacon of Ministries & Programs), Mangaza 'Mimi' Merrill (Refugee

Settlement Coordinator) and Mark Hauser (Communications). This was organized by Sharon Dunlop, Audrey Doliszny, Anne Patterson, and Haynes Hubbard. A similar meeting will be held in the Autumn.

- **Thy Kingdom Come** – the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ commencing Ascension Thursday through Pentecost. On Friday June 2, following the Diocesan Coventry Litany of Reconciliation gathering at The Cathedral of St. George, an afternoon is being planned for prayer and reflection in the Cathedral
- **St. James (Kingston)** is planning a KAIROS Blanket Exercise for June 18 in Kingston's City Park and has invited Sydenham St. United Church to join.

#### **June Meeting – Input on Agenda Items**

#### **Announcements:**

- Don Bailey expressed his gratitude for the prayers he received over the past number of months while in hospital and during his on-going recovery.
- Note: the September meeting will be held in Westport
- Regrets for the June meeting from Charles Morris and Audrey Doliszny

#### **Meeting Evaluations**

-handed out return

**Adjournment:** Christine motion for adjournment at 8:10pm

**Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY 27 June 2017 6 pm**  
**Christ Church (Cataraqui)**

**Devotions: Doug Green**

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Bishop Michael Oulton

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Rev. Valerie Kelly, Clerical Secretary

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Date