

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Bishop Michael Oulton (Chair), John Secker, Charles Morris, Haroldine Neil-B, Christine Downey, Anne Patterson, Donna Hobbs, Robin Jones, Viren Ogarah, Michael Read, Doug Cowley, Al Danford, Michael Rice, Nancy Beale, Doug Green, Don Davidson, Sharon Dunlop, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw, Wayne Varley, Voila David, Roy Conacher

Regrets: Alex Pierson

Guests: Cheryl Green-Betts, Suzanne Rivard, Colleen McAlister (Hyanto Ministries)

Opening Devotions:

Sharon Dunlop

Sharon offered the following, “Out of the Ordinary” by Joyce Rupp, having lit a candle reminding us of our faith and the gift of hope which God offers. Members of Synod Council joined her in concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

Addition of new business regarding material received from Christ Church (Tamworth) new Legacy Centre – information to be received only

Chair’s Remarks and Bishop’s Update

Chair

ArchBishop Terence Finlay – condolences were extended to the family of Terence Finlay who died on 20 March 2017 and whose funeral was held in Toronto at The Cathedral Church of St. James on 24 March 2017 with the primate preaching.

Prayers are asked for Rev. Don Bailey who is in hospital dealing with significant health issues – Canon Marie Warner will be serving St. Alban’s on Amherst Island in the interim.

Prayers are asked for retired clergy Sid Horne who fell and broke his hip; he is recovering from surgery.

Congratulations were extended to Canon Michael Reid who recently became a grandfather.

Mona Rush has resigned as chaplain for ACW; a replacement is required.

On Sunday, 26 March, Rev. Jonathon Askwith’s Celebration of New Ministry as Incumbent was held at the Church of St. Andrew’s, Sharbot Lake.

Approval of Minutes of 21 February 2017**Chair****MOTION:****DDavidson/MRead****THAT THE MINUTES of 21 February 2017 be accepted.****CARRIED**

Clarification was sought on whether Garth Allen was present at the February meeting; the attendance ledger indicates he was not.

Business Arising from the Minutes:**Hyanto Ministries – VBS****Hyanto Ministries Board**

Cheryl Green-Betts, presentation – Gate 3A – the hand-out of Hyanto Ministries, VBS [Vacation Bible School] was distributed which included an outline of a “Sample Day”; the entire program will be provided to the host church. Each VBS will be five work days in one location with a maximum of six VBS over the summer; application forms are available.

MOTION:**MRead/ADanford****BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve Gate 3A: Hyanto Ministries 2017 Vacation Bible School.****CARRIED****Finance Committee****John Secker**

With regards to the balance of the 2016 gift to General Synod: The Finance Committee met to discuss the two months in arrears of the \$70,000 gift to General Synod (2016). There was consensus to honour the payment, if possible, of paying the \$70,000. There are two undesignated reserves from which to draw the monies.

MOTION**DDavidson/DGreen****BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council direct the Finance Committee to consult General Synod staff about the applicable calculation for the proportional gift.****CARRIED****MOTION:****MRice/DCowley****BE IT RESOLVED that Synod Council authorize the immediate payment of the 2016 General Synod proportional gift balance owing in the amount of approximately \$70,000, to be covered by use of undesignated diocesan reserves.****CARRIED**

Approval Request for Demolition of Leslie Hall (Kemptville)**Wayne Varley**

Discussion: demolition of the hall was approved at the congregation's annual vestry meeting, noting the cemetery's proximity to the Hall limits the sale of the building, which is structurally unsafe.

MOTION:**MRead/CDowney**

BE IT RESOLVED that Synod Council approve the demolition of the St. James, Kemptville Leslie Hall at a cost of up to \$60,000.

CARRIED**Update on Requirements for Anglican Foundation Applications (National)****Wayne Varley**

In the Diocese of Ontario, ten of forty-five parishes were members; a total of \$73,000 in grants were received. Parishes must now be members to apply for grant funding. More information is available on its website.

Update on National Church changes to "Giving With Grace"**Bishop**

Giving with Grace, formerly the Anglican Appeal, has established a new focus on reconciliation.

Update on Regional Assemblies**Michael Read**

Michael Read noted the preferred title is that of "Regional Council."

Regional Assemblies / regional council – the deanery executive met to discuss initiatives and were given the task to continue local conversation. Spring and Fall dates being arranged along with topics for discussion.

Covenant Celebration Team Update**Doug Green/Christine Downey**

-nothing to report

Consent Agenda (no items identified)**Other Business:**

- April Meeting – Input on Agenda Items
- the new Legacy Centre in Tamworth was started with SEED monies in 2015 out of Christ Church (Tamworth) with plans to open April 2/17. Work is required; hours open will depend on the number of volunteers. The Legacy Centre is partnering with the Salvation Army and the Good Food Box program

- Diocesan Office Up-date: the office will be closed April 5-7 to move into the Landmark/Ontario St. location; an Open House will be planned for May; the Church Bookroom has increased its customer base at the Bagot St. location. It will move May 1st to the Landmark location
- Regrets: Charles Morris extends his regrets for the April meeting
- Robin Jones noted the Bishop's facilitation of the Bonhoeffer Lenten Study in the Parish of Lakes & Locks

Devotions: M. Read April
C. Downey May
D. Cowley June

Adjournment at 7:25pm was moved by CMorris

Meeting Evaluations were distributed and returned.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, APRIL 25th 2017 @ 6 pm
Christ Church (Catarauqui)

Bishop Michael Oulton

Clerical Secretary

Date

