

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES - internet access/redo the May Minutes (Alex)

Note: The Bishop is at the House of Bishops (Winnipeg). Venerable Wayne Varley (Vice Chair) will be in the Chair

Present: Wayne Varley, Alex Pierson, Charles Morris, Christine Downey, Peter Bunn, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, John Secker, Heather Grimshaw, Valerie Kelly, Michael Rice, Ken Healey, Brenda Hobbs, Al Danford, Doug Green, Roy Conacher, Sharon Dunlop, Haynes Hubbard.

Regrets: Audrey Doliszny, Eleanor Rogers, Michael Oulton

Guests: from St.John's (Bath) Doug Noiles, Bram Pearce, Cathy Thomas, Holly Adam

Opening Devotions:

Christine Downey

Christine opened the meeting with a prayer, *Planning for the Future*.

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

MOTION:

MRice/KHealey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Chair

Appointments:

- Ven. Nancy McLeod (Incumbent) and Rev. Trish Miller to the new "Anglican Regional Ministry of North Leeds" (working name as of Sept 1/16)
- Rev. Rod BrantFrancis (Incumbent) and Rev. Lisa BrantFrancis (Associate) to the Parish of Tyendinaga effective Oct 30/16;
- Rev. Dr. Mike Michielin to the Parish of St. John's (Portsmouth) effective Nov 1

New Starts:

- Very Rev. Don Davidson as Dean of The Cathedral of St. George effective Sept 1; service of installation Oct 16 at 5pm

- Rev. Lyn Dillabough as Incumbent of St. Paul's (Brockville) effective Aug 1. Celebration of New Ministry was Sept. 18
- Rev. Gerry Moore's celebration of New Ministry at Wolfe Island, Oct 2 at 5pm
- Rev. Rod BrantFrancis and Rev. Lisa BrantFrancis service of New Ministry takes place at All Saints (Tyendinaga) on Nov 13 at 5pm

Resignations:

- Rev. Giuseppe Gagliano as Incumbent of Loughborough effective Oct. 31

Retirements:

- Rev. Canon Reg Gilbert as Incumbent of St. Luke's Kingston/Kingston North - Aug. 28
- Ruth Caswell as Accounting Assistant, effective Sept. 30

Vacancy:

- Rev. Janet Weller is still on long term recovery from her injury. Bishop Oulton has declared the churches in Marmora and Bonnarlaw vacant. Rev. Dr. Bob Wright will continue as the Interim

Other notes:

- Bishop Michael was on vacation in August
- Bishop Michael joined the Canadian Foodgrains Bank tour of agricultural development projects in Kenya (July 14-22)
- General Synod: Bishop issued a letter in July following Synod with regard to the Marriage Canon changes. At the Pre-Synod Meetings he issued another letter with supporting material and reconfirmed the direction for what is permissible at this time in the Diocese. The letter outlines his intended path forward for the Marriage Canon change in our diocese. Copies are available for Synod Council members.
- Summer Fruit for the Souls (July 26-29) was a great success!
- Bishop Michael looks forward to the up-coming ACW Regional meetings

Approval of Minutes

Chair

MOTION:

HN Burchert/CDowney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 28 June 2016 be approved with the following changes.

CARRIED

Page 1: Canadian Foodgrains Bank not Canadian Food Grants Bank

Page 2: the Motion regarding the clergy in Adolphustown: the change of title from "Incumbent" to "*Priest-in-Charge*"

MOTION:

PBunn/DGreen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 26 July 2016 be approved noting the correction.

CARRIED

Correction: in the listing of those *Present* note the spelling of the name Al Danford and under *Additional Agenda items*. It was requested for future use of teleconferencing to indicate which members were present via technology.

Business Arising from the Minutes

-none

Update from St John's Bath

Doug Noiles

Using a powerpoint, Doug offered an up-date from a presentation made on 17 Feb 2016. He concluded the presentation with Results and Outlook into 2017. Being revenues are limited, the outlook continues to carry too large of a cost structure. A recommendation is being made that the parish be considered a candidate for shared ministry. The necessary procedure to bring this into effect will be made according to the Canons. Alex Pierson praised the working group for their commitment and dedication to weekly meetings and serve as an exemplar group. Bram Pearce thanked Doug Noiles for his contribution.

Diocesan Center Update

Alex Pierson

Sale of the Diocesan Centre will be announced next week. The purchaser and buyer have both signed off. Closing date is the end of January 2017 with flexibility if needed, aiming for a Jan 30th moving date. Offer to lease at the Landmark (165 Ontario St., Kingston) has been accepted. Two other lease options were considered. The Synod Council advisory team conferred to ensure the lease package was acceptable. Minor details are being worked out. The Diocese has retained Salem Hill as the design group to engage with contractors, etc. The Church Bookroom will move to the same Landmark location; street parking is available, with staff parking on-site. The new site is also fully accessible; all offices will be located on one level.

Camp Hyanto Update

Alex Pierson

At the July special meeting: the Camp requires the water system to be shutdown and winterized; items on site to be re-located/sold/given away; by October the camp will be put into suspended mode. As has been established, the First Gate is the creation of a Board of Directors. On the 18 October at Christ Church, Cataraqui, the Bishop will host a meeting for those interested in being a Board member. If a Board is not created, this Gate will not be met and the process will cease. The Board, if created, will move to the 2nd gate and meet in early 2017. Carol Fitzpatrick's role is coming to an end; Alex noted her excellent work and commitment to the Camp.

Synod Update

Alex Pierson

The Synod Agenda Committee has continued to meet; the agenda was handed out [attached to the bishop's letter]. The Synod Planning Committee is attempting to increase opportunities to socialize and sit less. The Friday night dinner will be food stations rather than a sit down meal, followed by entertainment. The overall theme is Truth and Reconciliation. The Diocese is sponsoring an Artfest with a focus on Native art in the near future. The October Synod Council

meeting will be re-scheduled in order to meet the 10-day advance requirement for the Synod circular to be released.

Finance Committee

August 2016 Unaudited Financial Reports John Secker

Financial Statement: the summary of operating funds shows a \$20,000 favourable position; receivables have been reduced over last year; cash flow re: CMM is lower. Pages 7&8 reveal detailed analysis on particular areas. Pages 9-11 list receivables. Church Bookroom, page 12, shows a reduction of inventory prior to moving (Jan 2017). Page 13, Camp Hyanto forecasts a deficit position.

2017 Proposed Budget

Alex noted contributions from the June consultations and Synod Council discussions in creating the budget. The budget's goals and aspirations of the Diocese are about looking back and forward. Five guiding principles were articulated: being transparent, comprehensive, having a balanced budget, level funding and being forward looking. Inevitably all of which links to vision & strategy. Within the Diocese, 80% of the parishes are in a shared ministry model. Alex highlighted the Revenue section; Expenditures: Diocesan Core Expenses, Diocesan Programs; Provincial / National / International Ministries; On Behalf of the Parishes, in this powerpoint presentation.

MOTION:

HNBurchert/MRice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approves and recommends the proposed 2017 Diocesan Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Canons and Governance Committee Update

Roy Conacher

As has been previously highlighted, Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), which provides for a modern, legal framework for not-for-profit corporations, including charitable corporations, sets out how not-for-profit corporations in Ontario are created, governed and dissolved. This new Government legislation may affect the original incorporating documents of the diocese and needs to be considered. Regulations are still pending at the government level. Using the revised Canons of the Diocese of Toronto as a template, re-drafting of diocesan canons ensued. The Chancellor expects the new document (revised Canons) to be available by Oct 13 to Synod Council members. He expects the governance model for parishes and the Diocese will not change substantially. Wayne thanked Roy for his enormous contribution to this re-write!

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

Doug stated that eight applications for bursaries have been received for 2016; one application needs clarification. Two additional covenants have been received. The Covenant Celebration Team is planning a reception in the Great Hall of St. George's Cathedral and will contact Heather Grimshaw in order to confirm details. Mark Hauser will also be showing three two-minute videos of covenant examples at Synod.

Consent Agenda (no items identified)**Other Business** -- none arising**October Meeting** – Timing, Agenda Items (date change proposed)**Meeting Evaluations** – evaluations were handed out**Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm was made by CMorris. **CARRIED**

Date of Next Meeting: **THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 2016 6 pm**
 Location TBD
 Devotions: Brenda Hobbs

Bishop

Secretary

Date