

**Synod Council
Special Meeting 26 July 2016
Christ Church (Cataraqui) 6PM**

MINUTES

Present: Bishop Michael Oulton, Alex Pierson, John Secker, Eleanor Rogers, Haroldine Neil-Burchert; Peter Bunn, Christine Downey, Audrey Doliszny, Al Danforth, Michael Rice, Voila David, Sharon Dunlop, Haynes Hubbard, Ken Healy, Doug Green, Roy Conacher, Valerie Kelly; on-line via Skype: Wayne Varley, Charles Morris

Guests: Bill Clarke, Barb & Peter Gilbert (Salem Hill Consulting)

Opening Prayer

Bishop Oulton

Bishop opened with prayer for the ministry and mission of the Church.

Camp Hyanto

Ven. Bill Clarke

Bill discussed the Final Report of the Camp Hyanto Task Force (July 19, 2016), which were previously distributed outlining the three options opening discussion to Synod Council. Bill noted that "Option C" had been chosen which puts Camp Hyanto into a year-long hiatus (in 2018). Comments and concerns expressed:

- The Camp is in serious need of renovation and repair however funds are lacking
- An assessment of the buildings has not occurred.
- A recent inspection by the Department of Health indicated replacement of window screens is required.
- Safety of campers and facilities
- How to deal with future capital costs
- The on-going lack of camper registration
- Is the current 'model' one to continue to operate from?
- Option C reflects the need for change in the operation of the Camp
- The Anglican Church of Canada offers alternate venues: Justice Camp, Ask & Imagine. What are the needs of children and youth where Camp Hyanto is not desired?
- Camps are now offering different options; a more competitive field.
- As a diocesan asset there has been no major financial contribution from the diocese
- The new board will need to attract individuals with particular gifts, [marketing, HR, property manager, etc.] who are willing to volunteer
- Regional Clustering of churches is occurring in the area of Camp Hyanto indicating the future of church ministry is limited.
- Younger people's input is valuable and needed
- All three Options submitted in the Task Force final report indicate the Camp needs to stop operating in its present manner.
- The summer of 2017 is an opportunity to see what programs the Camp can offer to churches

- The Board to be established needs to be in place by Synod 2016. Synod Council will then direct Camp Hyanto to begin the actions of Option C as outlined in Gates 1-6.

MOTION:**PBUNN/KHEALY****BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council accept the report of Camp Hyanto and its recommendation of Option C.****CARRIED****Sale of Diocesan Centre****Alex Pierson**

With the approval of the motion authorizing the sale of the Diocesan Centre (90 Johnson St.), the building was listed with Cushman & Wakefield (Kingston) formerly known as DTZ. An offer based on the listing price of \$1,295,000 was made. Conditions: the purchaser is to arrange financing by August 15, 2016 with a closing date of October 31, 2016. A short term lease back will be negotiated until a new location is ready. The Diocesan Solicitor was contacted and has no concerns.

A future location of the Diocesan Office is yet to be determined. Design assistance for new office space will be in consultation with Barb and Peter Gilbert. It is anticipated the entire process will take 4 to 6 months to complete.

MOTION:**MRICE/CDOWNEY****BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the sale of 90 Johnson Street and to authorize the DEO (Pro Tem) to accept the offer and negotiate a short term lease back as required.****CARRIED****ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

A new member of the Advisory Committee is needed with the resignation of Marilyn Clarkin. Al Danforth has agreed to be the new member. This was affirmed by Synod Council.

The Skype version was well received, improvement of the audio (echo in the room) can be addressed.

Motion to adjourn Sharon Dunlop, seconded by Haroldine Neil-Burchert at 7:40pm.

The next meeting of Synod Council:**Tuesday, 27 September 2016
Christ Church (Cataraqui)**

Bishop Michael Oulton

Rev. Valerie Kelly (clerical secretary)

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