

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, June 28, 2016
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Meeting was opened by Bishop Michael Oulton, at 6pm.

Present: Bishop Michael Oulton, Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, Heather Grimshaw, Christine Downey, Doug Green, Ken Healy, Audrey Doliszny, Mike Rice, John Secker, Peter Bunn, Brenda Hobbs, Sharon Dunlop, Eleanor Rogers, Al Danford, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Garth Allen.

Regrets: Valerie Kelly, Haynes Hubbard, Roy Conacher

Guest: Sylvia Dopking, Greg Smith (Training and Development Committee)
Ven Bill Clarke (Camp Hyanto)
Rev Peter Case (Finance)

Opening Devotions: Led by Alex Pierson with prayers for the Servants of God; Psalm 23 to music followed, with a moment of silence.

Agenda Review and Adoption

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented
No additions or deletions

Chair
E Rogers/A Danford
Carried

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Condolences were extended to John Secker and family on the death of his wife's father. Bishop Oulton has visited with most of the parish councils, and enjoyed learning what each parish is involved in.

Diocesan Synod is coming up in November, in Kingston. General Synod is meeting July 7 to 12. Following General Synod Bishop Oulton will go to Kenya for 10 day visit (Narobi) with Canadian Food Grants Bank and their projects.

Chair

Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 26 May 2016 be adopted as circulated.

C Downey/H Neil-Burchert
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

Training and Development Committee

Sylvia Dopking/Greg Smith

Sylvia Dopking described the role of the Training and Development Committee with the Diocese, its benefit to the Bishop, and the various programs operated through T&D.

A Christian Education program for the Laity which would result in the attainment of a Bishop's Diploma in Christian Education is in the discussion stage and could be offered for lay persons for Christian development. T&D Committee requested the affirmation of Council to pursue such a concept at this time. From past experience there seems to be a strong interest for a program of this design to meet the needs of the laity.

MOTION:

THAT SYNOD COUNCIL affirm the continued work of T&D Committee to establish a working group mandate to pursue the concept of the Christian Formation of the Laity.

CDowney/MRice

Carried

Finance Committee

Peter Case

Unaudited Financial Reports as of May 2016:

Revenue to end of May approximately \$24k below budget. Total expenses under budget to end of May. Slightly over budget in Diocesan Centre Operational as clerical is 4 days and not 3 days per week.

Diocesan Centre Building Expenses, lower than budget.

Under Accounts Receivable, parishes may appear to be delinquent but this is due to the Insurance costs due from each parish and they are paid over a period of months.

The Church Bookroom profit is up as of May 31, 2016. There is an improvement but not yet where they would like to be.

Camp Hyanto is in a “limbo” position at the moment prior to the camp season beginning.

Diocesan Investment Policy:

Peter Case briefly reviewed the investment fund, its objectives and income to date.

MOTION:

PBunn/KHealy

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the amendments by the Finance Committee in the documents presented.

Carried

Request from Parish:

Peter Case analyzed how CMM (Common Ministry and Mission) has worked in the past and what has changed for the present method. The Committee is prepared to recommend the request from the Parish of Adolphustown/Sandhurst.

MOTION:

ERogers/ADanford

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request from the parish of Adolphustown/Sandhurst to be excused the allocated clergy benefit transition costs for 2016, 2017 and 2018 be granted, provided that the current incumbent of the parish remains employed by the parish during that period and benefits are paid.

Carried

Diocesan Centre Report and Recommendation:

Presentation was made by Peter Case together with the Diocesan Centre Review document (Final Report and Recommendation) that was circulated. In conclusion Council was asked for approval to list 90 Johnson Street on the real estate market for sale.

MOTION:

WVarley/BHobbs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council authorizes the listing for Sale of the Diocesan Centre (90 Johnson Street) and that Synod Council directs detailed planning and negotiations begin on a new location.

Carried

Camp Hyanto Task Force Update

Bill Clarke

July 11 is the date for the first camp. 100 children registered. Staff are in place – smaller staff this year – the first week of July is staff training. Retirement of Velma Kelsey (Cook) took place in June. Two part-time cooks have been hired. Property is in good shape. Hyanto Task Force has been meeting frequently since April – final plans will be available for the staff by the week of July 4. A possible special meeting regarding Hyanto will take place in July (a special Council meeting may be called).

Consultation Sessions**Alex Pierson**

An extensive brochure on Diocese of Ontario Consultations Sessions was circulated to all members. Alex Pierson presented the document. This was well received and lengthy discussion took place. The results of the Consultation Session Feedback was also made available. How does Synod Council want to handle this Consultation? Where are the people who will “march with this”.

Canons and Governance Committee**Garth Allan/Ken Healey**

The committee is currently looking through the recent changes within the Diocese of Toronto Canons. By mid August Council may be in receipt of a draft for review.

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

Doug Green advised that the Covenant Team is still working with Mark Hauser for a presentation series at Synod in November. A number of parishes have achieved their covenant more; than they expected.

Consent Agenda

(No items identified)

Other Business

Nil

July (Special) Meeting

Discussion was held regarding a single agenda item meeting to be held in July (possibly July 26) and requires a quorum. A show of hands indicated there would be a quorum. Alex Pierson requested that members advise Alex whether they prefer a meeting held at a specific location or an online meeting. Alex will be in touch with members.

Input on September Agenda Items

(No items identified)

Devotions for September and October

September : Christine Downey October : Brenda Hobbs

Meeting Evaluations

Evaluation forms were distributed

Adjournment

Eleanor Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Bunn, at 8:45pm

Date of Next Meeting: **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 - 6 pm**
Location: TBD
Devotions: TBD

Bishop_____
Secretary_____
Date