

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
 SYNOD COUNCIL
 Christ Church, Cataraqui – 5:30pm
 Dinner at 5pm**

Present: Bishop Michael Oulton, Roy Conacher, Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, Robin Jones, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Anne Patterson, Audrey Doliszny, Brenda Hobbs, Sharon Dunlop, Viren Oogarah, Michael Read, Doug Cowley, Doug Green, Michael Rice, Charles Morris, Nancy Beale, Don Davidson, Don Bailey, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw

Guests: Portland Community Association; St. James (Kingston); St. John's (Prescott); Doug Noiles (Bath); Camp Hyanto; Bill Clarke (Nominating Committee)

Regrets: Al Danford

Absent: Voila David

Opening Devotions

Michael Read

Fr. George Herbert Feast Day today, an English priest born 1593 and died 1633. A poet as well as a devoted and joyful minister. Michael read the gospel passage John 21:17, which focusses on the care and support of others noted in the phrase *feed my sheep* which is a necessary ministry that continues today. Michael closed devotions with a prayer.

Agenda Review & Adoption

Chair

Include a presentation by St. Mark's (Barriefield)

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Up-date

Chair

-nothing to note

Approval of Minutes of 23 January 2018

Chair

MOTION:

MREAD/DDAVIDSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 23 January 2018 be approved as presented.

Note correct spellings of BEALE and STIRLING.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair

-nothing

Portland Community Presentation

Christine Row

A delegation from Portland representing various community groups including the public library, municipality and the historical society presented a vision for partnership between the Diocese and the Community for how the deconsecrated Emmanuel Church in Portland could serve as hub for meeting various program and ministry needs of the local community. Council was

positive in receiving the presentation. Next steps will be to draft a memo of understanding. Robin expressed her note of support to the committee. The Bishop noted the benefit of partnering within local communities.

St. James (Kingston) Capital Local Application**John Vines**

John gave a presentation of the rectory's history, last used in 1995 by clergy and more recently used as a Queen's computer lab, ending in May 2017. The Rectory was built 1845 and used, in part, as a parish hall. John presented a list of necessary changes/repairs needed. A lease has been signed with a group of six Queen's students. Long term view is to take the rectory back for parish programming. Approval was requested for a capital loan to allow upgrades for use as a rental property.

MOTION:**DBAILEY/DDAVIDSON**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE request for a Diocesan capital fund loan in the amount of \$30,000 be approved.

CARRIED**St. John's (Prescott) Presentation****Tracey Lloyd-Smith**

Presentation by the warden and treasurer outlining the history of the area. (Fort Wellington, Grand Trunk Railway, Brewery, Distillery, etc.). A thriving and growing community; in 1821 the Parish was established. The Church was dedicated 1860 and houses the Guido Nincheri "lost window." Creation of canals and the St. Lawrence Seaway ended much of the local trade and businesses. As a result, congregations declined. An overview of current ministries was given. At present, expenses are posing a financial challenge. Thanks were extended to Alex Pierson for his assistance to-date. This presentation is the first step in a parish recovery plan which will be presented to Synod Council at the April meeting to be held in Prescott.

St. John's (Bath) Anglican Foundation Application**Doug Noiles**

Mission and Ministry up-date. Funding is requested for exterior work on the Church and sidewalks.

MOTION:**MREAD/CMORRIS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT St. John's (Bath) be approved to apply for one of three slots to the Anglican Foundation for a loan in the amount of \$15,000.

CARRIED**Parish of the St. Lawrence –****Michael Read**

Michael noted the need to replace the boiler and air conditioning system. As this capital project exceeds \$40,000, Synod Council approval is required.

MOTION: **CMORRIS/HNEIL-BURCHERT**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Parish of the St. Lawrence be approved for a capital project exceeding \$40,000 to replace their boiler and air conditioning system.
CARRIED

St. Mark's (Barriefield) --

Anne Patterson

Anne made a presentation with regards to the tower remediation. St. Mark's applied for and received monies from the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund as well as raised monies from the congregation.

MOTION: **NBEALE/SDUNLOP**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT St. Mark's (Barriefield) be approved on a capital project exceeding \$40,000 to repair its tower.
CARRIED

Camp Hyanto – Up-date

Cheryl Green-Betts

The Camp Hyanto Board up-dated Synod Council on current summer registration numbers, to-date 64 registrations have been received mainly through social media (especially FaceBook). *Hyanto Sunday* designated April 15, 2018. Progress continues in various planning areas. Camp brochures and work bees slated for April. Discussion: Gate indicators set in place were addressed. The Gate milestone of 100 camper registrations for March 1, 2018 was not met. Synod Council has asked for up-dates at the March meeting.

MOTION: **MREAD/SDUNLOP**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gate milestone of 100 camper registrations be moved to the March Synod Council meeting as well as provide a risk mitigation plan up-date.
CARRIED

Nominating Committee

Bill Clarke

Bill noted that nominations forms will be available on the Diocesan web site after Easter. They can be returned to the Chair, the Ven. Bill Clarke c/o 130 Lakeview Avenue, Kingston ON K7M 3T5. The forms will also be available in the pre-Synod materials. Any necessary elections to Synod Council will be held in the respective Deanery pre-meetings, elections of General Synod Delegates will take place at Synod November 2018.

Synod Planning Up-date**Michael Read/Audrey Doliszny**

Michael Read noted planning started in December 2017 and continues monthly with the next meeting March 1. Synod dates are Nov 1-3. Pre-synod meetings will begin in the Spring. The Bishop addressed the most recent Clergy Day with Bishop Linda Nicholls and has mandated clergy to have at minimum one discussion with Lay Delegates to Synod on the Marriage Canon (by June 15) and to have hand-out material considered for the pre-synod meetings.

Stewardship & Congregational Development Up-date**Doug Cowley/Wayne Varley**

-nothing to report

Covenant Celebration Team Up-date**Doug Green**

Doug noted two new covenants have been received: one from St. John's (Wapoos) which was approved and a second from the Good Shepherd Legacy Centre which is currently under review. A response is anticipated at the next meeting.

Up-dates:**DEO/CFO****-2017 Unaudited Financial Statements**

Alex noted changes at the Diocesan level wherein John Secker is working on a contractual basis to assist with the transition following his retirement. A financial audit is scheduled for the week of March 19 with Collins Barrow and a target date of presenting to Synod Council in April. Alex guided Synod Council through the Operating Fund (copies handed out).

Canons & Governance**Chancellor****-Discussion on the Constitution & Canons**

Roy Conacher addressed Synod Council on behalf of the Canons and Constitution Committee and presented the current draft of the Canons and Constitution. Synod Council agreed with the Committee's recommendation for broader consultation with diocesan stakeholders: clergy, wardens, treasurers and other parish leadership. On June 12 a diocesan wide consultation session will be held on the Constitution and CMM structure at the Synod Office with remote web access made available in the Diocese.

MOTION:**RJONES/DBAILEY**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council receive the draft Constitution and Canons and to direct the Canons Committee to initiate diocesan consultation.

CARRIED**Worship Committee Up-date****Michael Read**

-deferred until the March meeting of Synod Council

Consent Agenda**St. James (Kingston) Lease of former Rectory**

Other Business

-nothing

March 2018 Meeting – Input on Agenda Items

Meeting Evaluations were distributed, filled out and returned.

Adjournment was moved by Michael Rice at 9:35pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 - 6pm

Location: Christ Church (Cataraqui)

Devotions: Valerie Kelly

Bishop Michael Oulton

Rev. Valerie Kelly (Clerical Secretary)

Date