

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARQUI 6 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Don Davidson (Chair), Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, Charles Morris, Robin Jones, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Anne Patterson, Audrey Doliszny, Doug Cowley, Michael Read, Viren Oogarah, Al Danford, Michael Rice, Nancy Beal, Heather Grimshaw, Valerie Kelly, Roy Conacher, Sharon Dunlop, Don Bailey

Guests: Brent Wilson (Collins Barrow), Peter Case

Opening Devotions:

Audrey Doliszny

Audrey read a passage from the book **Fruit & Spirit** on the fruits of the Spirit being love, joy, peace, etc., in light of the liturgical season of Pentecost (and Pentecost on Sunday 20 May). The passage encouraged listeners to seek the fruits of the spirit through the presence of God in our world. Audrey closed with prayer.

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

Haroldine Neil-Burchert moved and Nancy Beale seconded the adoption of the agenda. Carried.

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Chair

- Bishop Oulton is on sabbatical; commissary for May is Archdeacon Nancy MacLeod; as of June 1 Archdeacon Charles Morris will assume the role
- The service of new ministry was held on April 15 for Rev. Noel Henry assuming the position of Deacon in Charge of St. John's (Bath)
- Mark Hauser (Diocesan Communications Officer) will be attending the Anglican Editors Association National Conference in Halifax, May 24-27. Mark is Treasurer of the Association along with being an editor.

Approval of Minutes – April 2018 Regular Meeting

Chair

MOTION:

APatterson/SDunlop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Minutes of 24 April 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair

- No business arising

2017 Audited Financial Statements & Report from the Audit CommitteePeter Case
B. Wilson (Collins Barrow)

Brent highlighted main points; summarizing the Financial Statements are fairly presented, a clean audit. He noted the monies from the sale of the diocesan building (90 Johnson) were considered an asset of the holding company which were then transferred to the diocese (approximately 1.24 million dollars). Pages 16-20 provide a further breakdown of revenues/expenditures. Brent was thanked for his presentation having no questions asked.

Peter Case (Finance Committee) reminded Synod Council of the committee's re-formation and noted the (new) Audit Committee had read and analyzed the financial material in two stages. First, with auditor present and then without the auditor. The Audit Committee recommends the audited statements as fairly presenting and recommends Synod Council approve these statements. Peter's commitment and dedication to the Finance and Audit Committees was acknowledged with gratitude.

MOTION:**MRead/RJones****BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 2017 Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented.****CARRIED****Consolidated Investment Fund – Information Package**

Peter Case

This document outlines the policies, procedures and objectives of the Consolidated Investment Fund of the Diocese of Ontario and the manner and terms pursuant to which individual parishes may deposit funds with the Diocese for participation in this fund. It was recommended that Wardens & Treasurers of all Parishes receive a copy of this. Peter indicated this will be done.

MOTION:**DBailey/DCowley****BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Information Package presented be accepted.****CARRIED****2019 Budget Process Update****CFO**

Alex Pierson reminded Synod Council that the Budget's approval occurs at Synod. Input is being sought beforehand at pre-Synod meetings and from diocesan committees and groups. Synod Council can expect an up-date for the June Synod Council meeting and asks for approval or amending, which will then be taken to the Fall pre-synod consultations sessions. The three Spring consultation sessions revealed parishes needing and wanting support, such as tools for cost saving and more information and clarification on issues they deal with. The working group is focused on the CMM structure.

Camp Hyanto – Update

Hyanto Board

-Alex presented on behalf of the Hyanto Board as per the electronic copy circulated before the meeting. Hyanto's key points: 136 children registered for camp to date; 3 of 4 weeks have been committed to for VBS; as of 5 May 2018 the new Camp Manager is Bev Bonner whose focus at present is on property matters; water testing scheduled for July [Ministry of Environment]; camp work days scheduled; yurts likely be sold; Hyanto Board is working through the operating budget (\$10K from CIBC Wood Gundy).

St Paul's, Roslin Cemetery – Capital Project Approval

Nancy Beale

Nancy presented the proposal for the Roslin cemetery (e-attachment).

MOTION:**NBeal/MRead**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the St. Paul's Roslin Niche wall project as a capital project over \$30K.

CARRIED**Canons & Governance – Constitution & Canons Update**

Chancellor

Roy Conacher along with Doug Cowley and Robin Jones continued consultations, recently meeting with wardens & treasurers from whom they received insightful comments. The Committee will meet again at the end of month and present up-dates at the June 14 special meeting, with the expectation of approval at June 26 regularly scheduled Synod Council meeting. A consultation day seeking clergy's input will be announced for **Thursday, June 7.**

Stewardship & Congregational Development UpdateDoug Cowley/
Wayne Varley

Two diocesan parishes (St. John's, Bath and St. Lawrence, Brockville) will be partnering with the Stewardship group M&M International whose focus is on missional transformation. The diocese will be covering half of the costs. It is hoped over the coming months that members of the Stewardship Committee will attend Synod Council and share information and provide up-dates. GENERATION Stewardship, or GEN-S is made up primarily of Anglican Dioceses, with a sprinkling of Lutheran and United Church representatives, until recently was known as the Ontario Stewardship Network Generation. The GENERATIONS Stewardship Conference will be attended by Trish Miller (new chair of Stewardship), Wayne Varley and three other committee members.

Covenant Celebration Team Update

Doug Green

-a presentation is anticipated for the June meeting

Synod Planning Update

Michael Read/Audrey Doliszny

Michael Read noted the committee continues regular monthly meetings. He expects a Synod mailing package at the end of June end/early July; Michael outlined some of the reconfiguring ideas for layout and format. On-line streaming service will once again be in place. Observers will be invited to register and cover their costs. Friday evening social with the Steel City Rovers band and a buffet dinner; Canon XXI material will be held on Friday with time slots being considered at present. The Committee's next meeting is June 7 at 3pm.

Worship Committee Update

Michael Read

Currently the Committee's focus is on Synod. A successful worship portion of the Annual Clergy Retreat took place the beginning of May; worship training & information support is being considered. Synod worship: the Committee will weave together the parts of Synod and chose a theme. Cameron Strings is returning. Michael also noted today is his 30th anniversary of ordination, expressing the joy and privilege of his ministry many years (20!) of which have been spent on Synod Council. Trish Miller will

be attending the National Worship Conference in Victoria as a member of the Committee as the conference explores ways to respond to disasters.

Consent Agenda

-none

Other Business

Don Davidson highlighted Bishop Robert Hardwick's cycle across Canada. On July 3 he will leave Belleville for Kingston. A Eucharist is planned for the Cathedral at 9:30am on July 4. Bishop Hardwick is on a bicycling pilgrimage to foster unity, healing, and reconciliation within the Anglican Church of Canada, with Aboriginal Peoples, and with those who are hurting.

June 2018 Meeting – Input on Agenda Items for the Regular Meeting

Meeting Evaluations – were distributed and returned.

Adjournment - Michael Read moved to adjourn at 7:30pm. The meeting was closed with The Grace.

Date of Next Meeting:

**SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 14th 6pm (Constitution & Canons)
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 26th 2018 6 pm**

The Very Reverend Don Davidson (Chair)

Rev. Valerie Kelly, Clerical Secretary

Date