

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, June 26, 2018
Christ Church Cataraqui, Kingston
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Attendance:

Present: Don Davidson, Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, Anne Patterson, Nancy Beale, Michael Rice, Doug Green, Viren Oogarah, Robin Jones, Charles Morris, Doug Cowley, Michael Read, Brenda Hobbs. Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Audrey Dolinszny, Al Danforth

Regrets: Bishop Michael, Valerie Kelly, Sharon Dunlop, Heather Grimshaw, Garth Allan, Roy Conacher

Guests: Bill Clarke, Mark Hauser

Opening Devotions:

Doug Green

Doug Green of the Mohawk of the Bay Of Quinte came in traditional dress. He read from Acts 10 describing how the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit and message from God. He related that reading to explain part of the story of how the Mohawk came to Canada, and some of their traditions. When the six nations gather at the ceremonial fire for discussions, everyone can speak, but only when holding the talking stick. At the end of his devotion, Doug handed off the talking stick to Don Davidson who was chairing this evening's meeting.

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

Nancy Beale moved and Robin Jones seconded the adoption of the agenda. Carried.

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Chair

Alex reported that the Parish of Christ Church, Gananoque which includes the Church of the Redeemer, Rockport has been advertised on the National website seeking a clergy person, and it has already drawn interest.

Approval of Minutes – May 2018 Regular Meeting

Chair

There was one correction to the May minutes – to add an 'e' to Nancy Beale's name.

MOTION:

HNeil-Burchert/Voogarah

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Minutes of 22 May 2018 be approved with this correction.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair

Any business arising would be covered in the agenda.

St George's Cathedral – Capital Project

Don spoke on the need for replacement of the elevator to the Great Hall – the estimated replacement costs being between \$33,000 and \$37,000. Lunch by George has contributed a significant amount and they will seek further financial support through grants and parishioner donations.

MOTION:

CMorris/DGreen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council approve the replacement of the lift at St. George's Cathedral as a capital project over \$30,000.

Carried.

Covenant Celebration Team Update

Doug Green

The Team felt that Synod Council should be aware of the accomplishments of Covenants in our Diocese since its inception 3 ½ years ago.

With financial support from the Diocese, the Ministry Task Force in 2014 launched a diocesan wide survey for more sustainable ministry, to strengthen existing ministry and a way to undertake a new ministry that involved an initiative. The roll out for covenants began in April/May 2015 with support from communications by eNews weekly articles, Bishops visits to parish councils, and a Covenant page on diocesan website. The parish covenants and the diocesan vision and strategy worked by investing in ministry, mission driven stewardship, and serving communities. Those covenants involving community outreach and youth and family ministries are the most popular covenants. There are 28 covenants for existing ministries in all deaneries and 32 covenants for new ministries in all deaneries.

2018 goals – promote and administer the PC process; establish a database of Parish Covenants; a presentation to Synod Council; an article for Dialogue; and have Covenant videos and display table at 2018 synod

For 2019 the plan is to continue to operate and financially support Covenants. There will be a new board coming on after synod with the recommendation to go back to parishes to get stories of progress during 2016 & 2017.

Alex remarked that as the Primate toured throughout the diocese during Holy Week, he was very interested and impressed in the work and ministry going on in the parishes.

2019 Budget Process Update

CFO

Alex explained by using charts where we are in the process – coming back to Synod Council in September for approval, then onto Synod for final approval. This is a governance and financial tool, but a responsibility and transparency to all parishes and parishioners.

Planning Factors for 2019: continued growth in investment fund; inflation at 1.7% Jan 17 to Jan 18; General Synod proportional gift reduced to 20%; lease costs remain flat (year 3 of first 5 years); and continuing to look for opportunities to shift from "Maintenance to Mission".

Key Challenges: declining/flat income in parishes, expanding support for parishes in ministry, outstanding legal actions, while looking ahead to the future optimistically. Opportunities continue to be explored around community partnerships, communications, the rebuilding of Camp Hyanto and the future of the Bookroom.

Camp Hyanto – Update Hyanto Board

There are 143 children fully registered for camp; adventure and tadpole full – other camps filling quickly. This is a busy time with work bees and cleanup. The next work bee is 7 July.

The risk was the water system and it is up and running now. The budget has received donations from parishes, our broker - \$50K, in fees and now looking at bursaries. Health Inspectors came on a consulting basis for the kitchen. The Board approved new flooring, new countertops and painting. The dishwasher was leased which was not a good arrangement, so a new one will be purchased.

The larger issue is the septic system – no approval records seem to exist. An engineering firm was engaged to inspect and discuss with the Ministry to get the work done for \$7 – \$8,000. Sinks in washrooms will be replaced from the ReStore. Board approved new mattresses and ground work is underway. Currently advertising for cooks and councilors. Camp is still modelling the 150 children. Updating of permits are being addressed and they are exploring the option to sell the yurts.

Canons & Governance

Chancellor

- **Constitution (approval to go to Synod for approval)**
- **Canons (update and discussion)**

In the absence of the Chancellor & Vice-Chancellor Alex spoke to both.

Process: completed all the consultations and have gone through the diverse and abundance of material sent back to the office.

The major work left is to go through formatting and spelling / looking for the inconsistencies / are changes made, the changes that are meant to be.

The draft document of the Constitution draft 1.2 was given to members as the most up to date.

MOTION:

RJones/ADolinszny

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Draft 1.2 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Ontario to go to synod for approval.

Discussion & Comments:

What are the changes: major ones are the existing canons use the families on the parish rolls, but some are not an accurate reflection. We are using the model of the Diocese of Toronto Canon that uses specific Sundays of the year – it was deemed not feasible. It was proposed that we use 2 lay delegates per vestry to equal the voices. This changes the composition of Diocesan Synod.

Often at vestries or special vestries it comes up as to who is eligible to vote. 2 (6) of the Draft Constitution reads: A person becomes a member of a vestry by regularly attending worship in a local Anglican church and receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion at least three (3) times each year and contributes to the life and work of such Anglican church.

Synod Agenda Planning Committee now changed to Synod Planning Committee.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

ADolinszny/MRead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 27, hours of commencement of Diocesan Synod be changed to read 8 am.

Carried.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

CMorris/MRead

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that section 36 paragraph 18 of the Draft Constitution be amended to read: On the requisition of the Bishop, or other person presiding, or of four members of either order, which requisition must be made before the result of the voting is declared by the Chair, or if required by Provincial or General Synod Canons, the votes of the Clergy and Laity shall be taken and reported

separately. The question shall then be determined by the majority of voters in each order and, unless passed in both orders, the motion shall be defeated.

Carried.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

CMorris/MRice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 36 paragraph 23 of the Draft Constitution be amended to read: The mover of a motion may speak for not more than ten (10) minutes or such greater time as the Chairperson may allow. Each other speaker may speak for not more than five (5) minutes unless otherwise directed by the Chairperson; the mover may speak for not more than five (5) minutes in closing. If there is a Members' Time scheduled, each speaker shall have no more than five (5) minutes to address the house.

Carried.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

RJones/ADolinszny

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Carried.

To simplify the conversations of the Canons, please make suggestions and comments prior to our September meeting to Alex or the Chancellors.

Stewardship & Congregational Development Update

Wayne Varley

The Committee met with a view to come to council possibly in October to speak to Council.

Synod Planning Update

Michael Read/Audrey Doliszny

Meeting bi-monthly the next task will be to vet package material that has come in. It will then be on the webpage in July with a revised draft agenda. Changes to Friday's timing with 3 speakers and discussion time will be incorporated while Saturday's timings will remain unchanged.

Worship Committee Update

Michael Read

Worship for synod is their major task at present. Michael Capon is working with them on the Thursday evening service. The Committee is sending Trish Miller to attend the Lutheran/Anglican Conference in July – the theme: How do we respond to tragedies around the world in our own faith context.

Consent Agenda

- none

Other Business

- none

Devotions Leaders – Sept – Michael Read
 Oct – Trish Miller
 Nov – Anne Patterson
 Jan 2019 – Robin Jones

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

Canons / budget / synod planning

Meeting Evaluations

- were distributed and returned

Adjournment

- Nancy Beale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and The Grace was said.

Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2018 6 pm
Christ Church, Cataraqui

Devotions: Michael Read

Bishop

Secretary

Date