



# THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

25 February 2017

St. Mary (York) Church

Fredericton, NB

Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes (02 December 2016)
- Attendance Chart
- Team and Standing Committee Reports

In meeting circulation:

- Lenten Challenge 2017
- Reading Guide for *Noticing God*
- Generation to Generation (Primer for Discussion)
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Program (PWRDF)

Attending: Irene Adams, Stuart Allan, Kathy Asch, David Barrett, David Bell, Gilbert Carter, Sandra Craft, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Chris Hayes, Susan Jack, Rosemarie Kingston, Cathy Laskey, Bonnie LeBlanc, Robert LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Norman McLeod, Frank Morehouse, Dylan Nicoll, Keith Osborne, Neville Sloane, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Allen Tapley.

Regrets: Siobhan Laskey, Rob Marsh, John Matheson, Edward Quann.

Guests: Cheryl Jacobs, Rick Haddad, Leo Martin, Gisele McKnight, Ken Neilson, Kimberly Ranson, Anne Walling.

### **Call to Order**

Bishop David called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with birthday greetings to Council member, Bonnie LeBlanc and a welcome to Wandlyn Snelgrove as a new member of Council.

The opening Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by Robert LeBlanc (music), Neville Sloane (Gospel) and Dylan Nicoll (Prayers of the People).

### **Meeting Agenda**

The Chair suggested the Discipleship House Report be moved to 5(ii) and that Web Privacy be added as new business under section 7.

MOTION 1: Neville Sloane / Bonnie LeBlanc

**That the agenda be approved as modified.**

MOTION 1: Carried.

### **Adoption of minutes - 02 December 2016**

MOTION 2: Allen Tapley / Keith Osborne

**That the minutes of the 02 December 2016 Meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted as circulated.**

MOTION 2: Carried

### **Business Arising**

(i) *Cathedral-Synod Office Development*: The Bishop reported an upcoming meeting will discuss ways to engage the public in the discussion.

(ii) *June Diocesan Council Date*: Due to a conflict in scheduling, the Secretary of Synod indicated the June meeting of Council would be changed to June 22, 2017.

### **Reception of Draft Synod Minutes - 05 November 2016**

MOTION 3: Neville Sloane / Gilbert Carter

**That the Draft Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Session of Diocesan Synod of Fredericton held on 05 November 2016 be received.**

MOTION 3: Carried.

### **Business from Diocesan Minutes**

(i) *Episcopal Elections*: The motion passed at the Diocesan Synod called on Council to consider the recommendations of the report. The report is referred to the Administration Team. The Chancellor reminded the team that they also keep in mind the consequences of adopting any recommendations.

(ii) *Legislation Change - Canon Two*: The Chancellor indicated he would bring suggested wording at the next meeting of Council.

### **Correspondence**

(i) A letter was received from the Executive Correspondence Officer to the Prime Minister of Canada acknowledging the greetings sent after the Diocesan Synod

(ii) A letter was received by the Requests Officer to the Archbishop of Canterbury acknowledging the greetings sent after the Diocesan Synod.

### **Christian Formation**

Cheryl Jacobs, Chair of the Spiritual Development Team led Council in an exercise designed to focus on a particular scriptural passage. The exercise was in conjunction on the book recommended for study during the lenten period. (*Noticing God by Richard Peace*).

### **Announcement**

Gisele McKnight indicating she is building a photographic library of clergy and as such invited any clergy present to have their pictures taken should they wish to do so.

### **Lunch**

At noon, the Bishop offered a blessing for the meal prepared for Council members. Following the meal, the Bishop offered thanks to those responsible for the meal and also thanked the Parish for the hospitality.

Council reconvened at 12:45 pm.

## **Discipleship House**

Kimberly Ranson was welcomed as co-Chair of the committee in charge of Discipleship House. While her report was provided to members of Council before the meeting, she reiterated the committee has been a real blessing and that spiritual direction has shown some growth. Some issues that need to be worked out are of a rental and bylaw nature.

Kimberly indicated there was a need for a media blitz to promote the House and broaden its applicants' pool. She added that, ideally, there should be house parents of both genders.

A concern was raised regarding the appointment of a new chair for the committee with more time and freedom to interact with the students. However, the current co-chair said she would remain in place until such a person is found.

MOTION 4: Neville Sloane / Kathy Asch

**That Council approve the continuation of the Discipleship House (Bishop's Court) Pilot for the 2017-2018 Academic Year as presented.**

MOTION 4: Carried.

Council offered its thanks to Kimberly and the whole committee for their work in this ministry.

## **Reception of Team and Standing Committee Reports**

MOTION 5: Robert LeBlanc / Gilbert Carter

**That the Reports from the Council Teams and Standing Committees be received as submitted.**

MOTION 5: Carried.

Spiritual Development Team:

The Chair said they are busy working on a number of projects. The team is also recommending the book *Mission Shaped Spirituality* by Susan Hope.

Finance:

The Treasurer reviewed the number of items in the Finance Report, focusing especially on the Shared Ministry Budget, the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund and Camp Medley Budget. A number of motions came out of the Finance report.

MOTION 6: Irene Adams / Gilbert Carter

**That Council approve the 2017 Camp Medley Operating Budget as presented with a projected operating surplus of \$300.**

Clarification was given on Capital Expenditures at the Camp.

MOTION 6: Carried.

MOTION 7: Irene Adams / Gilbert Carter

**That Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee for reductions to the 2017 Shared Ministry Contributions as follows: Parish of Nerepis and St. John - \$11,733; Parish of Portland - \$3,348; Parish of St. George - \$3,089; Parish of Bright - \$2,135.**

MOTION 7: Carried.

MOTION 8: Irene Adams / Gilbert Carter

**That the sum of \$110,773 be written off in accordance with Policy A-6: Outstanding Parish Support, representing shortfalls in support as of December 31, 2014 as follows: Parishes of St. Peters - \$9,927; Lancaster - \$10,525; St. Andrews - \$17,876.; St. George - \$8,135; St. Stephen - \$10,528; Kingston - \$3,207; Renforth - \$21,747; East Saint John - \$16,756; and Millidgeville - \$12,072.**

MOTION 8: Carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer stressed the numbers reported in her report are preliminary. She reported that at this preliminary stage, she sees consistency between the years 2015 and 2016.

### **Human Resources**

MOTION 9: Irene Adams / Brent Ham

**That Council approve the appointment of Mrs. Lynda Wood and the Rev. Kevin McAllister to the membership of the Human Resources Committee**

MOTION 9: Carried.

### **Administration**

MOTION 10: David Barrett / Cathy Laskey

**That Nancy Stephens be appointed Chair of the Mission and Outreach Team effective immediately.**

The Bishop offered some biographical information on Ms. Stephens.

MOTION 10: Carried.

MOTION 11: David Barrett / Sandra Craft

**That a meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton be held on November 4, 2017 at Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton.**

The Bishop indicated this would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for Annual Diocesan Synods as he had requested. An evaluation of yearly synods will be taken.

MOTION 11: Carried.

### **Youth and Intergenerational**

A question was raised regarding the proposed use of flash drives rather than the more economically feasible use of the website for download. Also, caution was given to ensuring that proper copyright permission is obtained for all materials. The concern will be brought to the committee.

### **Other items**

Cheryl presented the updated Web Privacy Statement. A slight amendment was made under paragraph 1: Our Commitment to Privacy. The word 'Diocesan' was added before the word 'privacy' in the first line. The first line of that paragraph would now read: "*The Anglican Diocese of Fredericton adheres to this Diocesan privacy policy...*"

MOTION 12: David Barrett / Cathy Laskey

**That Council adopt the Web Privacy Statement as presented. (Appendix 4, Policy B-4).**

MOTION 12: Carried.

### **PWRDF**

Anne Walling made a presentation on a Maternal and Newborn Health Program taking place in Mozambique.

**Future Meetings**

Thursday, Jun 22, 2017

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Locations to be announced.

**Adjournment**

MOTION 13: Neville Sloane

**That this meeting of Diocesan Council be adjourned.**

The Bishop closed the meeting with prayer.

Time: 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

The Right Rev'd David Edwards  
Bishop and Chair

The Ven. Cathy Laskey  
Secretary of Synod

The Rev'd Canon Leo Martin  
Recording Secretary