



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

115 CHURCH STREET, FREDERICTON NB E3B 4C8
(506) 459 1801 [o] (506) 460 0520 [f]

Adopted 22 September 2018

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

26 May 2018
Camp Brookwood
Florenceville-Bristol, NB

Pre-meeting circulation

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes (March 17, 2018)
- Draft Minutes of Executive Meeting (March 28, 2018)
- Attendance Chart
- Team and Standing Committee Reports
- Synod 2018 Draft Canon Four Amendments
- Mission Governance Regulation
- Shaping the Future of the Diocese of Fredericton Background Paper
- Renewal of the Covenant between Founders of Atlantic School of Theology Draft
- Bishop's Performance Review
- Draft letter to the Parish of Shediac

Participants

Attending: David Barrett, David Bell, Roderick Black, Gilbert Carter, Sandra Craft, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Lionel Hayter, Mary Anne Langmaid, Cathy Laskey, Dylan Nicoll, Christian Persaud, Edward Quann, William Ross, Thomas Stradwick, Robert Taylor, and Cheryl Young.

Regrets: Kathy Asch, Linda Fury, Brent Ham, Chris Hayes, Susan Jack, Siobhan Laskey, Coralie Losier, Rob Marsh, John Matheson, Keith Osborne, Joanna Saunders, and Wandlyn Snelgrove.

Guests Attending: Heather Harris-Jones, David Peer, and Mary Lee Phillips.

Eucharist

The Bishop celebrated the opening Eucharist. In his meditation, the Bishop reflected on the Trinity using a Russian icon by Andrey Rublev and the reading from John 3:1-17.

Call to Order

Following a short break, Bishop David called the meeting to order at 1055 and noted the regrets of 12 council members.

The Bishop introduced the Agenda for the meeting.

MOTION 1: Robert Taylor / Christian Persaud

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION 1: Carried.

Membership

The Bishop introduced Heather Harris-Jones, the candidate that the selection committee recommended to Council as Treasurer.

MOTION 2: Gil Carter / Sandra Craft

That effective immediately, Diocesan Council appoint Ms. Heather Harris-Jones to the office of Treasurer of the Synod.

MOTION 2: Carried

The Bishop informed the council that the youth delegate and alternate were not able to attend Provincial Synod and that according to the protocol adopted to appoint a delegate in this situation, Mr. Colton Scott is qualified, willing, and able to attend.

MOTION 3: Cathy Laskey / Tom Stradwick

That Mr. Colton Scott be appointed as the Diocese of Fredericton Youth Delegate to Provincial Synod 2018.

MOTION 3: Carried

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Diocesan Council reviewed the minutes of the last Diocesan Council meeting.

MOTION 4: Dylan Nicoll / Mary Anne Langmaid

That the minutes of the March 17, 2018 Meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted.

MOTION 4: Carried

Business Arising

Council went In Camera for the continued discussion on **Administrative Structure: Shaping the Future of the Diocese of Fredericton.** A motion was passed for follow-up to be done and presented to the council at the next meeting.

Amendment of Canon Four – Diocesan Governance. David Bell noted that this item was the Canon Four amendment on Diocesan Governance tabled at the last meeting after members voted for more time to consider it in more detail and for the Chancellor to have an opportunity to consider the discussion and prepare a response.

MOTION 6: David Bell / David Barrett

That Diocesan Council bring Motion 11 of the March 17, 2018 meeting back from the table for discussion.

MOTION 6: Carried

This proposed change to Canon Four would regularize current practice, and give the Diocesan Bishop express authority to take executive decisions that a chief executive officer of an organization would normally take to run a financial enterprise on a day-to-day basis. It would

clarify who can make day-to-day decisions, an issue about which the Canons were silent in the past. David Bell and Edward Quann agreed to friendly amendments arising from minor changes to the document being proposed for synod and the council was called to the question.

MOTION 7: David Bell / Edward Quann

That the proposed amendment to Canon Four – Diocesan Governance be recommended to the Synod for enactment.

MOTION 7: Carried

Minutes of the Diocesan Council Executive Meeting

Diocesan Council reviewed the minutes of the last Diocesan Council Executive meeting, held for the purposes of approving the change of a restrictive covenant on a former parcel of land of the Parish of Saint John.

MOTION 8: Mary Anne Langmaid / Edward Quann

That the minutes of the March 28, 2018 Meeting of the Diocesan Council Executive Committee be received.

MOTION 8: Carried

Brief on Camp Brookwood

Mary Lee Phillips welcomed Diocesan Council to Camp Brookwood and provided a verbal update on the Camp. Last year Camp Brookwood had a successful summer and 59 campers were sponsored. The Camp hosted 2 weeks for the inner city youth. The camp has \$17,000 in the bank and is in a good financial situation for this year. There is enough funds to hire the Camp Director early and pay the camp counsellors during training week.

The plan for this year is to host 5 weeks of regular camp and a 1-week session for the inner city youth. The staff is hoping for a full camp this year. Numbers are up and there are already 35 registered campers. The major work for this year is levelling the camps, placing them on secure foundations, and building decks; building a new storage building; and installing a new liner for the pool. Minor work for the year includes new bunks for the cabins, new walls in the kitchen, and a new food preparation counted surface.

The Camp did not struggle finding clergy this year; all the weeks are covered. The new director started on May 7th and the first priority is developing the job description. The Camp really appreciates diocesan support and Mary Lee noted that there are still opportunities for parishes or deaneries to support Camp Brookwood.

Cathy Laskey led a prayer for Camp Brookwood, particularly campers-to-be, parents, and guardians, that the Word of life would be known to them and to everyone associated with the camp.

Lunch Break

The Bishop offered grace for the meal and adjourned the meeting for lunch. On calling the meeting back to order, the Bishop thanked the Camp Brookwood staff for the meal.

Faith Formation

Cathy Laskey, on behalf of Shawn Branch, offered a video presentation on “The Season of International Discipleship” from the Anglican Consultative Council. After the video the Council broke into smaller groups and Cathy asked that the small groups work on three questions and bring responses back to the full session of Council:

- What does discipleship look like in your parish?
- How would discipleship be taking place in your parish? and
- What would it look like for our diocese to be intentionally committed to discipleship?

Committee and Team Reports

The Bishop noted the reports from committees and teams that came with the pre-meeting package.

MOTION 9: Gil Carter / Christian Persaud

That Diocesan Council receives the Committee and Team reports in the pre-meeting package.

MOTION 9: Carried

Administration Team. David Barrett, Chair of the team presented the Diocesan Priorities for Action document, which the Administration Team is responsible for tracking.

Constitution and Canons. David Bell reviewed the mission governance regulation. The new Anglican Church Act allows the Diocese to create Missions, so a regulation is required to establish governance. The Chancellor recommended a new regulation for parish-like Missions that Diocesan Council could apply to a Mission, if appropriate. The regulation reflects the experience of the West-side Mission.

MOTION 10: David Bell / Christian Persaud

That Diocesan Council adopt the proposed Regulation 6-2 Governance of Missions.

MOTION 10: Carried

Finance. Gilbert Carter reviewed the Financial Committee report sent with the pre-meeting package and noted the shared ministry budget is in good shape, and that the committee is following up with parishes.

Nominating Committee. Cathy Laskey explained to Council that the Archives Committee needs more members.

MOTION 11: Cathy Laskey / Robert Taylor

That Darryl Butler be appointed to the Archives Committee.

MOTION 11: Carried

Safe Church Update

Cathy Laskey noted that 366 people are now trained in Safe Church, which is double the number noted in the report for the meeting.

Draft Covenant with the Atlantic School of Theology (AST)

Cathy Laskey presented the draft covenant between the Founders of the Atlantic School of Theology for review. No changes were recommended. Currently, the Diocesan financial support for AST is composed of \$9,500 for the formation program, \$10,000 for the facilities renewal, and a \$500 donation.

Bishops Performance Review

Cathy Laskey led the discussion on the Bishop's performance review. The Bishop asked that he undergo an annual performance review 3 years ago. This year the review committee managed to complete a 360-degree review, with participation by the Primate and a fellow Bishop. The council reviewed the report and discussed the contents with the Bishop.

Update on Parish of Shediac (Land Sale and Lease Agreements)

David Bell explained the history of glebe grants, land grants made to parishes by the provincial government and the legal requirements associated with the sale or lease of glebe lands. The provincial government assigned Synod with the responsibility to approve sale or lease of glebe lands. It is a fossil requirement that comes from a time when land was important; it does not apply to other parish assets. The Parishes of St Andrews and the Parish of Shediac still have a substantial amount of glebe lands and these parishes are the two primarily affected by the process to alienate glebe land.

Diocesan Council approved a strategy and process for glebe lands in November 2017; however, the Parish of Shediac believes the process is inefficient and is not following the process adequately. The Chancellor drafted a letter, included with the meeting package addendum, for Diocesan Council to review. The letter establishes the facts surrounding land transactions in the Parish and the legal requirements and informs the Parish of Shediac of the legal requirement to support Diocesan review of all land sales or leases.

Diocesan council discussed the letter and whether it should be sent to the Parish of Shediac. Three minor editorial changes were suggested to the letter and with those changes considered the following motion:

MOTION 12: David Barrett / Mary Anne Langmaid

That the draft letter included in the meeting package addendum, as amended, be sent to the Parish Corporation of the parish of Shediac by Registered Mail with a signature required on the receipt.

MOTION 12: Carried

Other Items

No other items were presented.

Next Meeting

The next Diocesan Council meeting is Saturday, September 22, 2018. Cathy Laskey brought to the Council's attention that the Diocesan Council Retreat at the Villa Madonna starts Friday night November 30, 2018.

Adjournment

The Bishop asked for a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION 14: Geoffrey Hall

Moved that this meeting of Diocesan Council be adjourned.

The Bishop closed the meeting with prayer at 1455 and council members and invited guests said “the Grace” together.

Respectfully submitted,

The Right Rev’d David Edwards
Bishop and Chair

The Ven Cathy Laskey
Secretary of Synod

The Rev’d David Peer
Recording Secretary