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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

23 February 2019

St. Peter Church Hall

2365 Woodstock Road, Fredericton, NB

Pre-meeting circulation

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes (December 1st, 2018)
- Attendance Chart
- Greater Chapter Missional Action Reports
- Team, Standing, and Other Committee Reports
- Trinity (Parish of Saint John) Steeple Restoration 2019 and supporting documents

Participants

Attending: David Barrett, David Bell, Gilbert Carter, Sandra Craft, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Heather Harris-Jones, Chris Hayes, Lionel Hayter, Susan Jack, Mary Anne Langmaid, Cathy Laskey, Siobhan Laskey, Bob LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Rob Marsh, Keith Osborne, Ted Quann, Paul Ranson, William Ross, Joanna Saunders, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Thomas Stradwick, Robert Taylor, and Cheryl Young

Regrets: Kathy Asch, Roderick Black, John Matheson

Absent: Linda Fury and Dylan Nicoll

Guests Attending: Shawn Branch, John Galbraith, Gisele McKnight, David Peer, Steven Scribner, Derek Oland, and Jacqueline Oland.

Eucharist

The Bishop celebrated the opening Eucharist. In his meditation, the Bishop reflected on Luke 6:27-38.

Call to Order

Following a short break, Bishop David called the meeting to order at 1055. He observed that a quorum was present and noted the regrets of 3 council members. The Bishop expressed his thanks for the support he has received for the past three months and requested prayers for his mother, whose health is declining and is now in a nursing home.

The Bishop introduced the Agenda for the meeting and added an item of new business on an appointment to the AST Board of Governors.

MOTION 1: Thomas Stradwick / Paul Ranson

That the agenda be approved as circulated and amended.

MOTION 1: Carried.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

MOTION 2: Bob LeBlanc / Ted Quann

That the minutes of the December 1st, 2018 Meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted.

MOTION 2: Carried

Faith Formation

Shawn Branch led the meeting on a leadership exercise where members broke into teams to consider the qualities they admired in a leader. Shawn led an open discussion after the discussion that focused on the leader as a mentor. We need to be willing to pray to God to reveal the people we are called to mentor.

Greater Chapter Missional Action reports

The Bishop requested a motion to receive the reports contained in the Diocesan Council information package and the update from the Archdeaconry of Fredericton provided on the date of the meeting. The reports respond to Synod 2017 motion 136-06 part d.

MOTION 3: Brent Ham / Rob Marsh

That the Greater Chapter Missional Action reports be received.

MOTION 3: Carried

Committee and Team Reports

The Bishop requested a motion to receive the Committee and Team reports contained in the Diocesan Council information package.

MOTION 4: Wandlyn Snelgrove / Gil Carter

That the committee and team reports be received.

MOTION 4: Carried

Youth and Intergenerational (YIG) Ministry Team. Mary Ann Langmaid briefed council on the YIG ministry team, which promotes and supports youth ministries. She presented the results of the 2018 YIG survey, which identified that disconnects exist between youth camp and the church. It also highlighted the importance of music. Mary Ann summarized upcoming youth conferences and training opportunities and noted the pilgrimage planned in 2019 to Cape Breton.

Camp Medley. John Galbraith, the new Director for Camp Medley, provided a verbal report on the Camp. He wants Camp Medley to reclaim its Anglican roots. He is concerned with the camp's financial situation and would like to see more paid campers attend the camp. He apologized if the budget is unclear. It is not where he wants it this year; it will be clearer next year, once he has time to fully review records. John noted that the Camp needs guidelines to evaluate

requests from organizations or individuals who would like to rent the camp. He read a proposal from the Vice-Chancellor for text that would provide guidance to prospective renters and make it easier for him to evaluate and decide on requests. John closed with an invitation to all members to contact him directly with any questions they may have.

Lunch Break

The Bishop offered grace for the meal and suspended the meeting for lunch. At 1235, the Bishop called the meeting back to order, Wandlyn Snelgrove thanked our hosts for the meal and members of council sang a hymn.

Committee and Team Reports (continued)

Constitution and Canons. David Bell reviewed the proposed amendments to parish governance, which would open up two positions on the Parish Advisory Committee (PAC) to the general parish voting membership. At present all members of the PAC are drawn from the membership of the Parish Corporation and this change would widen the pool of possible appointees.

MOTION 5: David Bell / Gil Carter

That Diocesan Council recommends to Synod that Canon Six – Parish Governance be amended as proposed on page 19 of 79 of the meeting package.

MOTION 5: Carried

David Bell reviewed useful, but relatively minor, amendments to the Synod Misconduct policy proposed by the Human Resources Committee. The proposed amendments are provided in page 20-21 of the meeting package. After discussion the motion was changed by two friendly amendments:

- 12.1 to change the proposed text of 6(1.1) to read: “6(1.1) The initial term of service of Committee members is three years, with the possibility of renewal, and with appointments made with some view to Committee continuity;” and
- 12.2 to remove the proposed changes to Appendix 2: Complaint Procedure Major Complaint. It was understood that the Human Resources Committee would reconsider another way to address the issue raised which prompted the proposed change.

MOTION 6: David Bell / Susan Jack

That the Synod Misconduct Policy be changed as presented (on pages 20 and 21 of 79 of the meeting package) and subsequently amended.

MOTION 6: Carried

Anglican Foundation Application. Bishop Edwards asked the Council’s permission to invite Shawn Branch to speak on the application to the Anglican Foundation for support for the “Deep Roots” gathering planned for June 2019. This application, if successful, would provide additional funding to support the event. The application requires Diocesan Council approval.

MOTION 7: Wandlyn Snelgrove / Chris Hayes

That Diocesan Council approves the application to the Anglican Foundation for a \$10,000 grant to support the 'Deep Roots' Diocesan Gathering planned for June 2019.

MOTION 7: Carried, with one vote against.

New Business: Trinity Church Steeple Restoration Project

Bishop David welcomed Steven Scribner, Derek Oland, and Jacqueline Oland from the Trinity Church Steeple Restoration Project to Council. Derek presented an overview of the project and Jacqueline offered a summary of the fundraising. The project team requested Council financial assistance with a funding shortfall on the first phase of the project. The following two phases would only occur once funds were raised. Diocesan council members asked clarifying questions and received responses. The Bishop thanked the presenters, who left before council deliberated.

MOTION 8: Siobhan Laskey / Thomas Stradwick

That the consideration of the Trinity Church Steeple Restoration Project request be conducted in camera.

MOTION 8: Carried

MOTION 9: Susan Jack / Robert Taylor

That Diocesan Council return from in camera and cause the motion resulting from the consideration of the Trinity Church Steeple Restoration Project be recorded in the minutes.

MOTION 9: Carried

MOTION 10: Geoffrey Hall / Heather Harris-Jones

That Diocesan Council approve a grant of \$35,000 to the Corporation of the Parish of Saint John for the restoration of the Trinity Steeple.

MOTION 10: Carried, with 2 opposing votes

Committee and Team Reports (continued)

Finance Committee. Heather Harris-Jones reviewed the 2018 Shared Ministry Receipts and Employment Assessments, the 2018 draft Financial Statements, the January 2019 Shared Ministry Receipts and Employment Assessments, the January 2019 draft Financial Statements, and her Treasurer's report found on pages 24 to 43 of the meeting package.

Gilbert Carter speaking as a member of the Financial Committee noted that our investments sustained a loss as of nearly 3% as of December 31st.

The Finance committee received and considered requests from five parishes for a reduction in shared mission assessment. The treasurer has communicated the approved reduction to each of the five parishes concerned.

Other Items

Diocesan Council considered three routine appointments.

MOTION 11: Cathy Laskey / Robert Taylor

That Debra Best be appointed to the Communications Committee.

MOTION 11: Carried

MOTION 12: Cathy Laskey / Bob LeBlanc

That Alyssa Vandervalk be appointed to the Communications Committee.

MOTION 12: Carried

MOTION 13: Susan Jack / Geoffrey Hall

That David Bell be appointed to the ministry of diocesan representative on the Atlantic School of Theology Board of Governors for the term July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2021.

MOTION 13: Carried

New Business

The council discussed the need for guidance on how financial requests for infrastructure needs should be received and considered.

MOTION 14: Siobhan Laskey / Rob Marsh

That Diocesan Council ask our Finance Committee to explore and advise council on a format by which parishes assess anticipated financial requests for infrastructure needs so that applications of a similar nature be compared before decisions are made about which ones can be supported in any fiscal year.

MOTION 14: Carried

Next Meeting

The next Diocesan Council meeting is Saturday, June 1st, 2018 at the Parish of Kingston.

Adjournment

The Bishop asked for a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION 15: Tom Stradwick

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