



THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2018 at St. Matthias, Victoria

EX OFFICIO

Bishop	Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Chancellor	Bob Gill
Vice Chancellor	Vacant
Dean	The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker
Registrar	Nathan Lampard R
Lay Secretary	Canon Judy Trueman
Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Paul Schumacher R
Treasurer	Michael Murgatroyd R

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall R	The Venerable Clara Plamondon R
Don Wilson	Michael Wolff
Joan Hoffman	Penny Holt
Ashley Blair	Aleesha Barkemeier R

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet	Walter Stewart
The Rev. Patrick Sibley R	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop R	Lynn Schumacher R
The Rev. Anthony Divinagracia R	Denise Ropp R
The Rev. Heather Cutten	Ed Norman

APPOINTED

The Rev. David Chillman **R**
Boyd Shaw

STAFF

Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer
Peter Daniel, Asset Manager
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer **R**

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli

Guests

The Bishop has invited Amber Santarelli, the co-chair of the Diocesan Youth Council, to be a guest at the meetings of Diocesan Council and asked the members of Council to put forward a motion. It was

MOVED BY: Ed Norman
SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That Amber Santarelli should be a guest at Diocesan Council meeting with voice but not vote.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That Mr. Boyd Shaw be appointed by the Diocesan Council as a member of the Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That Canon Sue House be appointed Recording Secretary for the months of October and November with voice and no vote.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

1. Welcome

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and then asked the members of Council to introduce themselves giving their name, their parish and either a book you are reading or the latest movie you watched.

2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

Bob Gill, our Chancellor, offered the reflection for the meeting 1Samuel 16. 7-13 and Titus 1.5-9 and then asked the members of council what qualities God expects of us in discharging our duties as members of DC and what gifts or talents to we bring to Council:

- Life experience and wisdom
- Experience and leadership qualities
- Consensus model is something we work toward
- The qualities of character
- Getting along with one another
- Want to be here
- Doing the work in advance of the meeting
- Being open to the Spirit

Bob then engaged the members of council in a conversation about the workings of the Council and told us that the quorum for this Council was 14 or 50% plus one of the voting members of the Diocesan Council.

The Bishop offered his reflections (report on file) and said that the task teams that arose out of the Synod held in September were in process of being put together. He would also be working on the mandates of these Task Teams.

3. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting.

b) Minutes of August 24th, 2018

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Juli Mallett

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of August 24th, 2018 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Minutes of the Educational Trust Board September 11, 2018

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting of the Educational Trusts Board meeting be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

d) Business Arising

- Quorum at Vestry meetings

After a lengthy discussion the Chancellor proposed that he take the motion (with its corrections) and rework it and bring it back to the November meeting of the Diocesan Council.

- Information Security Policy

The Chancellor doing some editing on the Policy and will bring it back to the November meeting. He is working with Catherine Pate and Penny Holt.

4. Living the Vision #1

a) Review of Synod 2018

The Bishop was asked to take back to the Synod Planning Team, their grateful thanks for all the work done leading up to the 2018 Synod. The overall consensus was that the diocese was united in spirit during the Synod as they worked toward the common good.

The members of Council were asked to name their two takeaways from the Synod i.e. what worked well, what could have been done better.

Worked Well

The table with the youth members of Synod

The worship

The involvement of our First Nations brothers and sisters

The arrangement of the space for both the meeting and the worship

The food

Needs work

Saturday too long

More time to interact with old friends and new friends

Work needs to be done on the nomination process and the voting process

Resolutions. The whole process of making the resolutions available (in print) to the members of Synod.

How do these takeaways inform the planning of our next Synod?

b) Acts of Synod

ACT OF SYNOD # 8 FIVE YEAR PLAN

That Synod adopt the Five-Year Financial Plan, as recommended by the Diocesan Council and presented to Synod, as the financial road map for the Diocese for the five years from 2019 through 2023; and

That Synod instruct the Treasurer and Diocesan Finance Committee to use the Five-Year Financial Plan as the basis for the preparation of annual budgets, making course corrections as necessary, and reporting regularly to Diocesan Council and Synod on the tracking of actual performance compared to the plan.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Ashley Blair

That this motion be referred to the Diocesan Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Diocesan Finance Officer.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

ACT OF SYNOD #9 First Nations Right to Self-Determination

That the Bishop, on behalf of the diocese, prayerfully consider and publicly and vigorously support the unanimous decisions taken by the First Nations with respect to industries placed and operated on their traditional territories within the Diocese of British Columbia.

MOVED BY: Juli Mallett

SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That this motion be referred to the Bishop.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

ACT OF SYNOD # 10 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

That the Bishop, in consultation with the Canons and Constitutions Committee, discuss with the Hereditary Chiefs, Elected Chiefs and Elders of First Nations on whose territories the diocese is located, how to continue the appropriate acknowledgement of those traditional territories.

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That this motion be referred to the Canons and Constitutions Committee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

ACT OF SYNOD #15 Funding for Cultural Change

That the Diocese provide resources to a maximum of \$5000.00 in the diocesan fiscal year 2019 to actively pursue cultural change in understanding structure and relationship between ordained and lay members, affirming the ministry of all the baptized and encouraging the formation of communities of disciples.

MOVED BY: Heather Cutten

SECONDED BY: Michael Wolff

That this motion be referred to the Finance Committee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

ACT OF SYNOD # 16 Single Use Plastics

That:

1. Parishes and synod office curtail the purchase of products with single use plastics, including rigid foam (Styrofoam and other brands), and to end such purchases by 2023; and

2. The Task Team Engaging God's World raise awareness with the members of the diocese and also advocate on behalf of the diocese.
 - a) With manufacturers to seek and use alternatives to the use of single use plastics;
 - b) With the food industry (restaurants and grocery stores) to eliminate the use of rigid foam in their packaging and 'take out'; and
 - c) With the general public to reduce its use of single use plastics;
 - d) With government to pass regulations that will lead to the elimination of the manufacture, sale and use of single use plastics.
3. Diocesan Council report back to the next sitting of synod on the steps taken to effect this motion and the effectiveness of those steps.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That this motion be referred to the Engaging God's World Task Team.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Juli Mallett

SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

That the Engaging God's World Vision Implementation Team research and make recommendations to Diocesan Council as to how best to implement the 16th Act of the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia 2018; and that they provide appropriate educational materials and information to be shared with parishes by Diocesan Council as to best practices, alternatives to commonly-used single-use plastic products, and sustainable non-petrochemical plastic products that may be appropriate to use. Upon receipt of said materials, it will be the responsibility of Diocesan Council to ensure this information is communicated to parishes, and to formulate a plan for review of implementation progress in the parishes and synod office.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

ACT OF SYNOD #21 – Reconciliation

That the Reconciliation and Beyond Team create a guide for ministry and discipleship in first nations contexts across our diocese, setting out guidance for how existing and emerging ministries can walk a new path with the first people of our islands and inlets, and shape the future of contextual and meaningful indigenous Anglican expression within our diocese; and That the bishop and members of the Reconciliation and beyond Team invite a circle of Elders to guide the principles and convictions of this framework and advise staff in this task; and That the Reconciliation and Beyond Team include, consult and be guided in this work by the National Indigenous Church and Sacred Circle directions and documents as they unfold.

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That this motion be referred to the Reconciliation and Beyond Task Team.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Animator's Report

The post synod report by the Diocesan Vision Animator (Brendon Neilson) is on file. The conclusions stated on page 7 of the report will inform us as a council and a diocese as we

move forward. The Diocesan Council asked the secretaries to extend out thanks to Brendon. Brendon's role as the Diocesan Vision Animator has been extended until November 15th, 2018 in order to finish off tasks that were started. The question was asked "How does the role of the animator position continue in order to work with the Vision Teams and the parishes?"

5. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Introduction to Finances

Gail Gauthier included this document in the information for Diocesan Council. It was written for the new members of the Finance Committee. It is on file with these minutes.

b) Minutes of Finance Meeting October 18, 2018

MOVED BY: Don Wilson

SECONDED BY: Bob Gill

That the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The following motions of the Finance Committee were ratified:

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Juli Mallet

That the Financial Statements to the end of August 2018 and September 2018 be received.

St. Barnabas CTF

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Michael Wolff

That the Diocesan Council approve the transfer of St. Barnabas' CTF account balances in their Memorial Garden Fund, Educational Fund and Thompson Memorial Fund to the Blue Heron Advisory Group (part of CIBC Wood Gundy) for investment as outlined in St. Barnabas' investment policy.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Mount Douglas Senior Housing

MOVED BY: Joan Hoffman

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That the Diocesan Council approve the withdrawal of \$25,000 from Mount Douglas Senior Housing CTF account for furnishing the lobby and the lounge.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Cost of Living 2019 Clergy

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That the Diocesan Council approve a 2019 Cost of Living increase of 2.1% to the clergy of the diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Cost of Living 2019 Lay staff

MOVED BY: Penny Holt

SECONDED BY: Ed Norman

That the Diocesan Council approve a 2019 Cost of Living increase of 2.1% to lay staff of the diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Vision Grants

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the Diocesan Council approve Vision Grants to: Street Hope for RV repairs (\$2870.00); St. Philip Diocesan Contemplative Retreat (\$2500.00); Parish of Central Saanich Friday Soup's On (\$1500.00); Life Spirit Art Studio (\$1000.00); St. John, Gualbert [reserve] (\$5000.00); GVAT [reserve] (\$3500.00).

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Dunstan Childcare

MOVE BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Ashley Blair

That the Diocesan Council approve the decision to have the Vision Grant given to St. Dunstan for their child care programme redirected and used for capital expenditures required under building and health codes to operate a childcare facility.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Dunstan Vision Fund Grant

MOVED BY: Joan Hoffman

SECONDED BY: Boyd Shaw

That the Diocesan Council approve a \$25,000 payment to St. Dunstan to honour an anticipated Vision Fund Grant from the net monies received from the sale proceeds of disestablished churches and the reversal of interest charged on the \$25,000 overdraft incurred.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Land lease - St. Paul's Housing

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That the Diocesan Council approve the amendment of the land lease between the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia and the St. Paul's Housing Society:

- Restart the land lease with St. Paul's Housing Society as a 99-year term commencing on January 1, 2019. This is conditional on St. Paul's Housing Society approval and commitment to subdivision of the land to reduce parcel size as approved in zoning; subdivision to be done when approved by the Township of Esquimalt.*
- The land lease rent to be set at \$46,500 per year for the first 15 years of the term, thereafter increased by the BC Consumer Price Index for each five years of the remaining term of the land lease.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Diocesan Council broke for lunch at 12.30 and returned at 1pm.

6. Living the Vision #2

- a) Asset Management
 - o Bethlehem Housing request- for information only. No action at this time.
 - o St. Dunstan's Rectory- information only regarding renovations and updates. More information to come from the parish.
 - o St. Andrew's, Sidney-they are looking for approval for work already completed. This will be sent back to the Finance Committee.

The Bishop will talk to the Archdeacons about the process of requesting funds for and approval of work to be done in parishes if the amount of money spent is over \$20,000.

7. Faith in Foundation #3

a) Nominations

- o Constitution and Canons Committee

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That the following nominations for the Constitution and Canons Committee be approved:

Ex-officio: Robert Gill, Chancellor, Chair
 Nathan Lampard, Registrar
 Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer

Member: John Steele

Re-appointment: Blair Haggart
 Margaret MacKenzie

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- o Finance Committee

MOVED BY: Judy Trueman

SECONDED BY: Juli Mallett

That the nominations to Finance Committee be approved.

Lay: Ed Norman
 Lynn Schumacher

Clergy: The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall
 The Reverend David Chillman

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Task Teams

The mandate for the existing Task Teams needs to be clarified and, in some cases, expanded to fit the work that needs to be done. If members of Council have some ideas about these mandates the Bishop asked that they email him. Also, if they have names of individuals that might be interested in membership on the Task Teams to email the Bishop and not to ask people to sit on the Task Teams.

c) Transforming Futures

The Bishop directed the members of council to the document he was presenting (on file). This document is for information only at this point. All the parishes in this first round of Transforming Futures, except St. Barnabas and St. Michael and All Angels, Chemanius,

have new parish profiles in place. There will be a Vision animator and the Transforming Futures facilitator in place to work with the parishes.

9. Closing Reflections

Bob Gill offered closing reflections and prayer for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. with **The Grace**.

Next Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, December 13th, 2018, at St John, Victoria, 10:30 am