



**THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of June 24th, 2017 at St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay

EX OFFICIO

The Bishop The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Logan McMenamie	The Chancellor Canon Dr. Constance Isherwood R
The Dean The Very Rev'd M. Ansley Tucker	The Registrar Mr. Nathan Lampard R
The Lay Secretary Canon Judy Trueman	The Vice Chancellor Mr. Bob Gill
The Clerical Secretary The Rev. Canon Susanne House	The Treasurer Mr. Michael Murgatroyd R

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall R	Canon Ian Alexander R
Mr. Bruce Winter	Mr. David Stewart
Ms. Penny Holt	Ms. Brenda O'Brien
The Reverend Clara Plamondon R	Ms. Elizabeth Walker R
Mr. Aidan Cunningham R	

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Reverend Eric Partridge	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
The Reverend Craig Hiebert	Mr. David Buckman
The Venerable Lon Towstego	Mr. Tony Davis R
Ms. Janice Varga	Mrs. Andrea Davis

APPOINTED

The Venerable Brian Evans R	Dr. Don Wilson
The Venerable Alastair McCollum	The Reverend David Chillman

EXECUTIVE STAFF

The Director of Finance Mrs. Gail Gauthier	The Asset Manager Mr. Peter Daniel
Diocesan Executive Officer Mr. Stephen Martin	Communications Officer Ms. Catherine Pate

1. Bishop McMenamie welcomed the members of council to the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay. David Stewart led the council in Bible Study based on selected verses of the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, the nativity of St. John the Baptist. The council reflected on the passage in their table groups and reported back their insights.

Faith in Foundation I

2. **Regrets for absence and agenda review**
The regrets of individuals were noted.

3. Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop's written report is on file. The Bishop introduced Catharine Yeo, a youth delegate from the Selkirk Region. Catharine is a member of St. David by the Sea, Cordova Bay. The Bishop asked for approval to have Catharine become a member of Diocesan Council. The approval was unanimous on the part of the Council. The Bishop also spoke of changing the meeting days of Council to Saturdays only. While it was noted that Saturday makes it more difficult for the clergy, it was also noted that Thursday was difficult for the laity due to work and school commitments. It was pointed out that meetings could take place via Skype. At this point in time more conversation needs to take place. The Bishop shared with the members of council a power point presentation of his journeys around the diocese.

4. a) Minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting May 25th, 2017

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That the minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting of May 25th, 2017 be adopted as amended.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

12b The motion to read "That parishes be invited to tweak...."

b) Results of Electronic Voting

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Business Arising

Synod 2018

7. Synod 2018: Regional Meetings Executive Summary

Catherine Pate took the information from the Regional meetings and developed an Executive summary. She also included in the information an update and next steps component to the information. The members of council went through the information and began a discussion. Information was given and suggestions were offered:

- Resources for the synod meetings be sent to the delegates early (October/November)
- Delegates to synod and others should be encouraged to share with their parish the work that took place at the regional meetings. A nudge needs to go out to the clergy to make sure it happens.
- Set up youth mentors for September.
- Regional meetings
 - circle was good for eucharist
 - More notice needed – need dates as soon as possible – SRM to do
 - Synod delegates
 - Delegates should get an intro to Synod package
 - All are welcome at regional meetings
 - Anyone who is considering being a delegate to Synod should attend
- Web site should have Synod 2018 section and entry through delegates page
- Delegates should get package and training. Possible to resurrect Bruce Bryant Scott's document
- Elevator pitch for vision and objectives for Regional meetings
- Need to get a copy of the DTT (Diocesan Transformation Team) report to all of DC
- More advertising needed with regards to regional meetings and Synod.

We broke for lunch at 12.30 and returned at 1pm. Craig Hiebert thanked Jane Anderson and Mary Huxley from St. Mary's, Oak Bay for the lunch and snacks they prepared.

8. Synod 2018 – Goals

The document is on File. The Goals for Synod 2018 are found on page 7 of the document. Catherine Pate led us in discussion with the information contained in the goals. The insights from the discussion are as follows

- Who are we – what people do we want to be – every day of the week not just Sundays.
- Remember the WHY.
- Reconciling people
- Pastoral and missional – balance
- Vitality and sustainability
- Living faith
- Missional – Ladysmith as an example; after closing still active in the community.
- Where is the sizzle?
- Our language “lacks sizzle” – language not resonating.

Reconciliation

- The second and third goal should both have reference to year of reconciliation.

It was

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That this Diocesan Council accept the 7 goals as put forward in the Executive Summary (p.7) for Synod 2018.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

9. Next steps –

The next steps will be deferred to groups when we gather in the Fall.

Faith in Foundation II

10. Finance

a) Minutes of June 15th, 2017

it was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That the minutes of the June 15th, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Investment Policy changes will come to the Diocesan Council in September.

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of June 15th, 2017

Christ Church Cathedral Education Society

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Bob Gill

That the Diocesan Council approves that Christ Church Cathedral Educational Society become part of the diocesan Linked Banking system with TD bank, with an overdraft authorization of \$350,000.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

(Ansley Tucker abstained – conflict of interest)

St. George the Martyr

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That this Diocesan Council approve the increase of the Line of Credit from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for St. George the Martyr Housing Society.

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED
(Jeanette Muzio and Bruce Winter abstained due to conflict of interest)*

b) Financial Statements

Gail Gauthier spoke to the financial statements. It was

MOVED BY: Alastair McCollum

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the Financial Statements to the end of May 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) 2016 Statements

Moved BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That the 2016 financial statements be accepted as amended.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The review engagement did not arrive from Grant Thornton until the morning of June 23rd. It is on file.

d) Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2017

It was

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That the minutes of the Investment Committee meeting of May 4th, 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

11. Asset Management

Peter Daniel spoke to the request from St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay with regards to the leasing of the parking lot by the Canadian College of Performing Arts. It was

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Andrea Davis

That on the condition of a favorable response from the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, the Diocesan Council approve, in principle, the Canadian College of Performing Arts long term arrangement.

Concern was raised that the parishioners of St. Mary's had not received the information about the future of the parking lot and that the Diocesan Council was making a decision that had not received input from the parishioners, therefore it was

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That this motion be tabled.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

12. Educational Trust Board

a) Minutes for May 9th, 2017

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That the minutes of the May 9th, 2017 meeting of the Educational Trust Board be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Minutes June 13th, 2017

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the minutes of the June 13th, 2017 meeting of the Education Trusts Board be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

13. Any other business

a) Relationship Matters

Archdeacon Lon Towstego spoke to the topic of Relationship matters.

- Melanie Delva is now the Reconciliation Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. Her mandate is to implement the national church's response to the TRC's 94 Calls to Action, to work to ensure the church honours the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to support the reconciliation work of local congregations and Anglican groups.
- The Relationship Matters Committee is composing a letter which will be sent to all parishes of the diocese challenging them to respond to the committee with their stories and actions in response to the 94 Calls to Action, particularly those directed at the church.
- The We Together Conference will take place on September 15th and 16th at Christ Church Cathedral using space in both the Cathedral proper and the School. The theme of the conference is Renewed Hearts, Renewed Spirits, Renewed People. It is about reconciliation in our homes, our churches, within ourselves and between all nations.

b) St Mary the Virgin/CCPA

A motion was brought forward to address the concerns of the members of council with regards to the parishioners of St. Mary, Oak Bay and their knowledge of the future of the parking lot. It was

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

Subject to a positive response at the meetings in the coming days at St. Mary the Virgin Oak Bay, Diocesan Council supports the concept as presented regarding the potential development of the property to accommodate the long-term needs of Canadian College of Performing Arts, the parish and the diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

(Eric Partridge, Craig Hiebert and Bob Gill abstained due to conflict of interest)

Here is the information from the parish meeting following the Diocesan Council meeting.

As was discussed at Diocesan Council yesterday (24 June 2017), an email to the St Mary's parish membership was sent out inviting all to attend a conversation about the proposed Option to Lease with the CCPA and the associated project. The email included a summary of the background, process, and proposal, as well as a copy of the Term Sheet. Thirty-five (35) members attended the discussion after the 10:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, 25 June. After a 45-minute discussion, with input from many of those present (not including the leadership), the following was *overwhelmingly supported* by a show of hands:

That St Mary's overwhelmingly supports the principle and direction of the proposal, with the proviso that land lease rent reviews occur at 5-year intervals instead of the documented 25-years.

An *additional* 15 parish members who were not able to attend had indicated their support of the original proposal, either by email or verbally after the 8:30am Communion service.

c) Asset Management Update

Peter Daniel spoke, for the information of the meeting, of having met the first two goals of the Asset Management, and of his desire to address the third goal: to build a capital base for the future of the diocese.

He presented information on Mount Douglas Housing, Dawson Heights, and Roger's Court.

His report is on file for future discussion.

Plenary Session

What are we going convey to our people?

Transformation in the diocese is moving from maintenance to mission.

The need to spread the word back to our parishes and regions.

The 'How?' may begin from Regional Deans to regional representatives.

WHAT we share is more important than HOW we share it.

Where did we feel God working in our meeting today?

The work and facilitation by Catherine Pate.

The sharing of the vision, not in a top-down manner.

The respect with which we spoke to each other, especially on matters where there is a difference of opinion.

Bishop Logan reminded us that we need to tell our story, and return to future meeting(s) with examples to share.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with **The Grace**.