



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

Minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2018 at St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan, 10am

**EX OFFICIO**

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

**ELECTED BY SYNOD**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall <b>R</b>	Canon Ian Alexander
Bruce Winter	David Stewart
Penny Holt	Brenda O'Brien
The Reverend Clara Plamondon	Elizabeth Walker
Aidan Cunningham <b>R</b>	Catherine Yeo <b>R</b>
Amber Santarelli <b>R</b>	

**ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Reverend Craig Hiebert	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
The Venerable Lon Towstego	David Buckman
Andrea Davis	Janice Varga

**APPOINTED**

The Reverend David Chillman <b>R</b>	Dr. Don Wilson
The Venerable Alastair McCollum	

**EXECUTIVE STAFF**

The Director of Finance Gail Gauthier	The Asset Manager Peter Daniel <b>R</b>
Communications Officer Catherine Pate	Diocesan Stewardship Officer The Venerable Brian Evans

Bishop McMenamie opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of council to St. John, South Cowichan. Bishop McMenamie welcomed those members of the regions recently nominated for Diocesan Council. Those in attendance were: Walter Stewart (Haro), Anthony Divinagracia (Nimpkish), Denise Ropp (Nimpkish), Heather Cutten (Cowichan/Malaspina), Boyd Shaw (Cowichan /Malaspina), Lynn Schumacher (Selkirk). The members of council introduced themselves and identified the parishes and regions they were from.

The Bishop offered the reflection.

**1. Bishop's Remarks**

The Bishop spoke to his report which is on file. The motion regarding the Housing Societies was tabled at the last meeting of the Diocesan Council and will remain on the table. The Bishop will create a Bishop's task team on Diocesan Housing and this task team will report to the Diocesan Council. The

Bishop asked that we pray for Elizabeth May who was arrested for Civil Disobedience as she demonstrated against the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Project. The Bishop ended his report with prayer.

## 2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

The Bishop led the council through a reflection. Feedback was received from the members of council.

## 3. Living the Vision #1

### a) Regional Meetings Debrief

Catherine Pate offered a short debrief on the Regional Meetings that took place as we move toward Synod 2018 (report on file). She will be writing a more fulsome report that will be sent to the members of council when it is completed. There is still a lot of work to be done to put together a five-year financial plan and this needs to be done in regional or parish groups prior to Synod 2018.

### b) Introduction of the new members

Canon Sue House gave a brief introduction of the roles and responsibilities of Diocesan Council members. It was

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That the regional representatives nominated to the Diocesan Synod 2018 be given voice and vote.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

## 4. Faith in Foundation Item #1

### a) Regrets for absence.

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting

### b) Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: David Stewart

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 be adopted as corrected.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The motions from the Finance Committee need to indicate that the Council will take action.

The question was asked about where the funds requested by St. George's, Cadboro Bay would come from. They come from an account by St. George's in the Consolidated Trust Funds.

### c) Correspondence

### d) Business Arising

The Bishop received a letter from Bishop Rob Hardwick, Diocese of Qu'Appelle requesting support for his cross-Canada Bike Tour, praying, as he rides, for unity, healing and reconciliation. He arrives in Victoria on May 18<sup>th</sup> to dip the wheels of his bicycle in the Pacific and then ride to Nanaimo and ride the ferry to North Vancouver. Funds raised on this endeavor would be used to support the Anglican Church of Canada Indigenous Ministry to assist in their programme, training and support ministries especially as they continue a journey to explore a self-determining church within the Anglican Church of Canada. (The letter is in Drop Box). There was conversation as to whether the council would agree to fund raising while Bp Hardwick is on the Island. This will be discussed again at the next council meeting when everyone has had a chance to read the letter. One question that was asked was would other dioceses be supporting this ride. The Bishop will check with other dioceses. The Bishop could not support any fundraising but he will work with local regions and Bishop Hardwick to mark the occasion of the launch from the ocean along Dallas Road.

### e) Diocesan Council Workplan Update

Canon Ian Alexander spoke to this topic and gave a brief history for those new to Diocesan Council.

We need more time to be prepared. There is still much work to be done in preparing for our future and we also need to involve more people in these preparations and plans. The major areas of the Diocesan Vision need to be covered with more information and participation by synod delegates and parishes in general.

The next dates for Diocesan Council are April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, and then a meeting in late August or early September (date to be announced) to wrap up the final preparations for Synod 2018 to be held on September 28-30, 2018 at the Songhees Wellness Centre.

The priorities for the Diocesan Council meetings for the next few months are:

1. Clarity of the Case for Support for the Joint Fundraising Initiatives of the diocese.
2. That everyone be aware of the information as presented by Brian Evans in his document 'Actions that contribute to success at Synod 2018 with initial thoughts on timing' (on file).
3. By the May meeting of Diocesan Council there be a report on the Community of Learning. They will have completed the first two training sessions.
4. That there be more information about the consultation process of the Joint Fundraising Initiatives.

It was suggested that the Agenda Committee numbers be increased by including some of those who have been nominated from their regions.

#### f) Synod 2018

Much of the information about Synod 2018 is in the section about DC Update. We now know that Bishop Saw John Wilme and his wife Elizabeth from the diocese of Toungoo will be unable to attend our Synod. Conversation is continuing about guests from the national and international church being present with us as observers.

The council broke for lunch at noon and the Chancellor offered the thanksgiving for the meal. We will return at 1pm. Bruce Winter thanked the ladies in the kitchen on behalf of the members of Council.

## 5. Living the Vision #2

### a) Financial campaign and Case for Support

#### • The Plan and the Process

Brian Evans shared the document 'Actions that contribute to the success at Synod 2018 with initial thoughts on timing'. He told the members of council that Sue McMaster of Global Philanthropic Canada is working with us as a consultant. Sue has already interviewed members of the diocese and some of the leadership of the diocese (with more being interviewed next week). It is hoped that there will be a draft document ready for the meeting in April. Many parishes have done or are in the process of doing transition days which includes some of the issues around future growth opportunities and how to approach these opportunities.

## 6. Faith in Foundation #2

Gail Gauthier led the members of council through the financial information to the end of February 2018.

### Finance Information

#### a) Finance Minutes of March 15, 2018

it was

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

February 2018 Financials

MOVED BY: Janice Varga

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That Diocesan Council receive the February 2018 financial statements and reports.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Luke, Victoria

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That the Diocesan Council approve the withdrawal of \$13,000 from the St. Luke's Rector's Discretionary Fund in the CTF to complete the painting project.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Emmaus/Abbey Church

MOVED BY: Craig Hiebert

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That the Diocesan Council approve a \$5,000 parish grant to Emmaus/Abbey Church

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. John, Duncan

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That the Diocesan Council approve the submission to the Anglican Foundation by the parish of St. John, Duncan to the amount of \$5000.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Clara Plamondon abstained due to conflict of interest.

St. John the Divine, Victoria

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That the Diocesan Council approve the submission to the Anglican Foundation by the parish of St. John the Divine, Victoria to the amount of \$10,000.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Penny Holt and Alastair McCollum abstain due to conflict of interest.

Vison Fund Applications

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Alastair McCollum

That the Diocesan Council approve the granting of \$47,500 to six applications to the Vision Fund as outlined in the report (on file). These submissions are:

- Aboriginal Neighbours (languages, mentorship) - \$20,000
- Aboriginal Neighbours (summer camp) - \$2500 for now
- UVIC Multi-faith Chaplaincy (Camino pilgrimage) -\$10,000
- National Worship Conference – up to \$5000
- Christ Church Cathedral (south lawn project) - \$10,000

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ansley Tucker abstained due to conflict of interest.

All Saints By-the-Sea, Salt Spring Island

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the Diocesan Council give its approval to providing the Capital regional District with a Statutory Right of Way for construction of a path adjacent to the property fronting All Saints by the Sea,

*Ganges, Salt Spring Island, generally per the parish council motion below and to changes and amendments to the Statutory Right of Way as required by the Vice Chancellor.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED*

“The Parish Council of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island supports the Diocese of British Columbia in reaching an agreement to provide the CRD with a Statutory Right of Way (SRW) across the property of the Diocese required for a footpath along Lower Ganges Road in a manner that ensure stability of the slope above with appropriate drainage and stabilizing efforts that protects the foundations of All Saints Church with all legal and construction costs to be borne by the CRD. The CRD will also be responsible for any future liability issues associated with the use of the SRW.”

## **7. Other Business**

a) Nominations

MOVED BY: David Stewart

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the Diocesan Council ratify the nomination of Conrad Nyren to Christ Church Cathedral Buildings Limited.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop did a check around with the new members of the Diocesan Council.

## **8. Closing Reflections**

The Bishop offered a closing reflection with responses from small groups.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48pm with The Grace.