



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

Minutes of the meeting of February 22nd, 2018 at St. Dunstan's, Gordon Head

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 Nathan Lampard
The Lay Secretary Canon Judy Trueman	The Vice Chancellor Bob Gill
The Clerical Secretary The Rev. Canon Susanne House	The Treasurer Michael Murgatroyd R

ELECTED BY SYNOD

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

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

APPOINTED

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF

The Director of Finance Gail Gauthier	The Asset Manager Peter Daniel
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. Dunstan's, Gordon Head. Bishop McMenamie welcomed Amber Santarelli to the Diocesan Council.

1. Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop spoke to his report which is on file and ended with prayer. It was

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

That Amber Santarelli be elected to the Diocesan Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

Canon Dawna Wall led the Council through a reflection focusing on The Mercy of Care and Maintenance (Isaiah 50.4 and Psalm 127) and used a poem called Atlas by Ursula Fanthorpe from Safe as Houses. Feedback was received from the members of council.

3. Living the Vision #1

a) Community of Learning and Lay Training

Canon Wayne Stewart, Canon Jeanette Muzio and David Buckman spoke to this diocesan programme. The information was presented as a Power Point which will be downloaded into Drop Box so everyone will have access to it. The Community of Learning and Lay Training is meant to supplement other programmes already instituted in the diocese. This programme comes out of our Diocesan Vision under Lay Ministry and Leadership.

4. Faith in Foundation Item #1

a) Regrets for absence.

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting.

b) Minutes of December 22nd, 2017

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of December 22nd, 2017 be adopted as corrected.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Correspondence

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 18th, will 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 fundraising 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 diocese be supporting this ride. The Bishop will check with other dioceses.

d) Business Arising

No business arising.

e) Synod 2018

The Bishop told the Council that at this point we are not ready to have Synod in April. The Case for Support for a financial campaign has not been yet been prepared. The diocese has engaged a consultant to work with Brian Evans our Stewardship Officer to construct a clearly articulated case for support and also to have some time for Brian to meet with parishes and people in the diocese (not necessarily members of our parishes) in order to establish financial support for our diocesan financial campaign.

It was

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That the diocesan synod be re-scheduled for September 28-30, 2018 at a place to be determined.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The members of council discussed various topics surrounding the change in dates.

- There needs to be very good messaging regarding why the date has changed
 - We are on a journey of building trust across the diocese and need to be open and honest
 - We are building relationships
 - We need more time to do this right.
- The message needs to be clear -- we are postponing synod to make time for more conversation and discussion about the needs and desires of the diocese as we move forward. There was a healthy discussion at the Nimpkish Regional meeting with both conversation and listening happening.
- The future dates of the We Together Conference needs to be included in the messaging (We Together would have happened September 28th and 29th)
- The work plan for March through June needs to dovetail with the new dates.
- The Bishop will think about how to involve the newly elected regional representatives to Diocesan Council and they will be informed.

The council broke for lunch at 12.10pm. We will return at 12.45pm.

5. Faith in Foundation #2

Asset Management

Information was given to members of the Diocesan Council and a motion was tabled.

6. Living the Vision #2

a) Financial Campaign and Case Statement

Gail Gauthier spoke to a Power Point presentation of the narrative budget for 2018. This included a projected (estimated) budget for the years 2019-2023 with numbers with fundraising and numbers without fundraising.

Brian Evans spoke to the Financial Campaign and the Case for support. The Financial planning team has met with the consultant. The longer timeline to Synod is helpful but the momentum must be maintained. Brian will meet with the Bishop to discuss the way forward to begin the fundraising process. There has been conversation with Susan Graham Walker the Stewardship Officer for the National Church. Planned giving needs to be part of the presentation.

7. Faith in Foundation #3

Bishop McMenamie told the members of Council that Tony Davis was no longer a member of Council or Finance committee because he was now a staff member with responsibility for the Refugee Sponsorship Programme for the Upper Island.

Finance Information

a) Finance Minutes of January 11th, 2018

it was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the minutes of the January 11th, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of January 11th, 2018

December 2017 Financials

MOVED BY: Janice Varga

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

The Finance Committee recommends that Diocesan Council receive the December 2017 financial statements and reports.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. John the Divine, Courtenay

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that St. John the Divine, Courtenay draw \$8000 from its Glebe Fund for new flooring and moving a safe.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Annual Safety Audit

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: David Stewart

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Finance Officer bring to the attention of the Bishop the need for an annual safety audit in parishes and address the issue of parishes currently unable to fund their own maintenance to correct hazardous issues.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Reimbursement of Clergy

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Constance Isherwood

That Finance Committee recommends to the Diocesan Council the need to develop a policy regarding reimbursement of clergy for duties beyond their parochial responsibilities.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2018 Budget

That Finance Committee recommends to the Diocesan Council approval of the 2018 budget.

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Ian Alexander

That the minutes of the Finance Committee February 15th, 2018 be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

January 2018 Financials

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council the receiving of the January 2018 financial statements and reports.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. George the Martyr

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Bob Gill

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that \$6000 be drawn from the CTF for St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay operations.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Stephen's Cemetery

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that \$15,000 be drawn from their CTF investment for the St. Stephen Cemetery Fund expenditures.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. David by the Sea

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that \$1,869.20 be drawn from their CTF Rectory Fund for approved capital work by St. David By-the-Sea, Cordova Bay.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Threshold Housing

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

The Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that the 2018 income earned from the Sheltered Housing Fund be given to Threshold Housing.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

8. Other Business

a) Canons Committee

Constance Isherwood spoke to the minutes of the Canons Committee. It was

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: Bob Gill

That the minutes of the meeting of the Canons Committee held on January 5, 2018 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Educational Trusts Board

It was

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the minutes of the meeting of the Educational Trusts Board of February 13, 2018 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

9. Closing Reflections

Dawna Wall offered the closing reflections for this meeting inserting words she heard during the council meeting into the poem Atlas by Ursula Fanthorpe.

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