



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

Minutes of the meeting of April 29th, 2017 at St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay

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

ELECTED BY SYNOD

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

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

APPOINTED

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF

The Director of Finance Mrs. Gail Gauthier	The Assets Manager R 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. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay. Stephen Martin chaired the meeting and Catherine Pate led the council in Bible Study based on Matthew 5.29. The council reflected on the passage in their table groups.

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. Bishop McMenamie has just returned from the national House of Bishops in Niagara Falls. He spoke briefly on the conversations around the establishment of the Confederacy of Indigenous Spiritual Ministry which has a plan in place to pursue self determination. He also spoke briefly of the Housing Trust Strategy whose goal is to provide affordable housing for the most vulnerable of our society on their journey to recovery.

4. a) Minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting March 24-26, 2017

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego
SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That the minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting of March 24 -26, 2017 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Results of Electronic Voting

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Business Arising

Conversation in Groups: What effect will the residential weekend have on you and your ministry? The video 'One Step' has been released on YouTube- Diocese of British Columbia. Is it possible to get a response from the First Peoples of Alert Bay as to our time with them?

We broke for lunch at 12.30 and returned at 1pm.

7. Finance

a) Minutes of April 20, 2017

it was

MOVED BY: Tony Davis
SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the minutes of the April 20th, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of April 20th, 2017

CS&P Loan for St. Anne/St. Edmund, Parksville

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio
SECONDED BY: Ian Alexander

That Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council the approval of a CS&P loan for \$25,954.60 with interest only payments for April 2017 to December 2017 at 3% per annum, and principal and interest payments to commence January 2018 with a ten-year amortization period at 3% for the parish of St. Anne/St. Edmund, Parksville.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Bethlehem Investors Group

MOVED BY: Tony Davis
SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council the receiving of the 2016 financials for Bethlehem Investors Group, Ltd.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Dawson Heights Housing

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon
SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council the receiving of the 2016 financials for Dawson Heights Housing Ltd.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Sale of Gold River Rectory

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego
SECONDED BY: Constance Isherwood

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council permission for the Asset manager to move forward with the transfer of our one-half share of the Gold River Church property identified as

346 Alder/402 Cedar in exchange for the one third Roman Catholic share of 9190 Granville, Port Hardy as well as \$7300 in cash paid by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Vitoria. The Roman Catholic Diocese will responsible for the Gold River conveyance costs. The Diocese of Victoria (RC and the Diocese of British Columbia (Ang) will share equally the associated legal costs for the Port Hardy church property.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Anglican Foundation

MOVED BY: Craig Hiebert

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the Finance Committee recommends that Diocesan strongly encourages each parish in the diocese (and the diocese itself) become members of the Anglican Foundation at a minimum cost of \$50 annually

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Vision Fund Grants

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the following 13 recommendations be approved by Diocesan Council.

Proponent / Project	Amount	Source
1. Kwakwaka'wakw Language Contextualized Church (Rev. Tanya Packer-McKoen) Second year of development funding, focused this time on translation and transcription of Biblical texts.	\$10,000.00	"Matters" Funds
2. St. Columba, Port Hardy Assistance to expand Rev. Alastair Harding from 70% to 100% time to support work with Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation. Matching funds from parish; further grants sought from United Church & Anglican Foundation. Commitment in principle to continue in 2018.	\$8,300.00	"Matters" Funds
3. St. George, Cadboro Bay ~1/3 funding to help establish Parish/Community Garden, subject to allotments being made available to the wider community beyond the parish.	\$5,000.00	Vision Fund
4. Dismantling Racism Workshops & Follow-up Work (Ven. Lon Towstego & Sr. Brenda Jenner) Workshops in Victoria & Nanaimo May 29 – June 2. Follow-up activities to be developed thereafter.	\$6,000.00	"Matters" Funds
5. Spirituality Beyond Borders (Rev. Andrew Twiddy) Spring, Summer and Fall 2017 programs at Bethlehem Retreat Centre and Parksville.	\$10,000.00	Vision Fund
6. St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill Funding to hire two part-time students for summer assistance with the church's community programs. Encouraging them to apply also to United Church.	\$8,800.00	Youth Fund
7. St. Mary, Metchosin Funding for week-long summer program for children and monthly Messy Church during next school year. \$1,700.00 requested; we believe more is needed.	\$5,000.00	Youth Fund
8. St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt 50% funding for capital improvements required to support community programming initiatives (new sound system).	\$4,000.00	Vision Fund
9. Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands	up to \$2,500.00	Vision

Proponent / Project	Amount	Source
Funding for weekend retreat / workshop this fall to launch new labyrinth at St. Peter's, Pender Island. Builds on previous support for construction.		Fund
10. Creation Matters Carbon emissions audit pilot for Synod Office and parishes of Selkirk Region.	\$3,000.00	"Matters" Funds
11. St. Mary, Nanoose Bay Financial support to launch expanded "Delicious Hospitality" program in Fall 2017, including equipment purchase, supplies and part-time staff.	\$9,500.00	Vision Fund
12. Parish Web Site Support (Diocesan Communications) \$10,000.00 per year in each of 2017 and 2018 to assist parishes with conversion to ChurchOS platform (cost: \$800.00 per parish). Principle of 50% matching funds, but flexible/negotiable. Retroactive to January 1, 2017.	\$10,000.00	Vision Fund
13. St. Philip, Oak Bay 70% support for week-long summer music theatre program for children. Second portion of application (6 Pro D Days 2017-18) deferred pending further discussions.	\$3,600.00	Youth Fund
TOTAL RECOMMENDED NEW FUNDING IN 2017:	\$85,700.00	

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Financial Statements

Gail Gauthier spoke to the financial statements. It was

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Vision Fund Jury

Canon Ian Alexander gave the members of Council an update on the Vision Fund grants process. At this point in time there are 34 open files requesting funds. The criteria are evolving -

- the fund shares the funds 50/50 with the requesting parish. If a parish cannot afford to pay 50% for the project there is some flexibility on the part of the Vision Fund. It will consider a contract position.
- the Vision Fund does not pay ongoing salary requests but top up support of staff if it relates to the project
- if the project is looking for funds to purchase equipment which is necessary to the success of the project, it will be considered.

The intake of project will be ongoing but there will be an ultimate deadline.

8. Canons Committee

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That Regulation 4.4.03 Church Sites and Parsonages be amended.

Paragraph C to read

c. Applications for loans shall be submitted to the diocesan finance officer, giving full details of

a) The total cost of the project;

b) The amount available or potentially available within the parish or mission;

c) The proposed terms of repayment.
and signed by the incumbent and the churchwardens. *All projects are to be undertaken as a collaboration between the diocese and the parish with involvement and responsibilities determined before the commencement of the project and may be subject to change as required through the duration of the project.*

Paragraph (e) to be amended to read:

e) Repayments shall commence with the month following receipt by the borrower of the final advance of the approved loan and may be spread over a period not exceeding ten (10) years *unless an exception is granted by the diocesan council.* Such repayments....

Paragraph f be amended to read:

f) Where a borrower has not made a payment for three consecutive months, or one quarter where quarterly payments are made, or where payments are consistently delinquent for no apparent reason, the interest rate will be raised to *the prime lending rate of the banker to the diocese* as of the date of the first mission payment.....

Paragraph g should be deleted.

Paragraphs h and I would then become paragraphs g and h.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Andrea Davis

That the minutes of the Canons and Constitutions Committee meeting of March 2, 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Conversation in Groups - Action Groups on Calls to Action

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That the addendum "Calls to Action" be referred to the Relationships Matter for their consideration and returned to the May Council meeting.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

9. Asset Management

The Ladysmith property has been sold and the deal is closed. There will be a press release on Monday April 22nd.

Conversation in Groups – Countdown to Synod 2018

What are the goals of the Bishop? This is to come from Logan.

10. Any other business

a) Giving with Grace

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

That this Diocesan Council ask the Church National to allow us to split the money that is raised for Giving with Grace (Anglican Appeal). The money split with the Diocese will need to be used by us for First Nations healing administered by the diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop concurred with the decisions made at this Diocesan Council meeting.

The date for the meeting of the agenda committee will be changed to accommodate some who cannot attend the scheduled meeting.

11. Regional meetings

These meetings will include a eucharist with a healing component, a time to discuss what Synod 2018 should look like and a time for nominations at the Fall regional meeting and conversation about the Town Hall meetings.

Where did we see God today?

- ✚ Listening to Craig – care, centering, holy conversation
- ✚ Can we include our First Nations cleansing in our upcoming Synod?
- ✚ A clearer idea of direction and greater enthusiasm to reach the goals.
- ✚ To move ahead from a vision of where we want to be to how do we put it into practice

What will we tell the people of our parishes?

- ✚ We are okay
- ✚ Continue to listen and be directed by the Spirit
- ✚ Of the success of the regional meetings

What do I say to people that ask when we will stop talking about First Nations 'stuff'?

- ✚ Peacemaking is a road not a destination
- ✚ It is a lens through which we can see the larger world

The meeting adjourned at 2.54pm with the Doxology said by all.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 25th at St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt.