



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

Minutes of the meeting of May 31st, 2018 at Church of the Advent, Colwood

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ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall	The Rev. Clara Plamondon
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Penny Holt	Amber Santarelli
Brenda O'Brien	

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Craig Hiebert	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
The Ven. Lon Towstego R	David Buckman
Janice Varga	Andrea Davis

APPOINTED

The Rev. David Chillman
The Ven. Alastair McCollum **R**
Don Wilson **R**

STAFF

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

GUESTS (with voice and vote)—REGIONAL NOMINEES

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop, Selkirk	The Rev. Juli Mallett, Haro
Lynn Schumacher, Selkirk	The Rev. Patrick Sibley, Tolmie
Walter Stewart, Haro	The Rev. Anthony Divinagracia, Nimpkish R
The Rev. Heather Cutten, Cowichan/Malaspina	Boyd Shaw, Cowichan/Malaspina
Denise Ropp, Nimpkish R	

1. Welcome

Dean Ansley Tucker opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of council to Church of the Advent, Colwood.

2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

The Reverend Aneeta Saroop offered a reflection on Luke 1:28. The members of council took time to discuss questions that Aneeta put forward and then shared some of the discussion with the larger group.

3. Living the Vision #1

a) Future Financial Joint Fundraising Initiative – 2nd Draft

The Dean introduced the second draft of the Case Study that was presented to council. Before the discussion, the Dean asked the members of council if they were ready to accept the Case Study. No 0, Don't know 3 Yes 18

She then answered questions put forward by members of council, some being brought forward from parishes. How much of the 40%, which is the Diocese's portion, will be used for administration? The concern that we are funding to pay off a deficit. A concern was raised that the Stewardship programme adopted by the diocese and the Transforming Futures programme are not co-ordinated. There needs to be an explanation as to how the two programmes relate. It was

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the Diocesan Council recommend to Diocesan Synod 2018 that the Dioceses of British Columbia enter into a Financial Campaign called Transforming Futures.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The suggestion was put forward that the document include Frequently Asked Questions.

As you read through the case study there are continued themes of journey; we/together/community; acknowledging the idea of be bold /'we can'; there is an emphasis on hope; there is a sense of urgency.

The question is asked "What will your faith community look like? What are we leaving to our grandchildren?"

It was suggested that details about what has and could happen using the monies raised be shared with the people of the diocese. If 7 million dollars is raised, 4 million dollars will stay in the parishes.

It was suggested that the document needs more sizzle, needs to be tightened and edited with illustrations added.

The Dean introduced Brendan McNeil who works ½ time as the Diocesan Vision Animator.

Together we will challenge attitudes.

It was
MOVED BY: Lynn Schumacher
SECONDED BY: Aneeta Saroop

That the Diocesan Council approves the document Transforming Futures with comments referred to the drafting group to finalize the document and to be sent the Diocesan Synod in September 2018.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was suggested that this document, with videos, be put on the diocesan website. The council was told that the monies from the fund raising would not be assessed.

4. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting.

b) Minutes of April 28th, 2018

MOVED BY: David Chillman
SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of April 28th, 2018 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Business Arising

The business arising was covered under other discussions.

d) Educational Trust Board Minutes

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart
SECONDED BY: Juli Mallett

That the minutes of the Education Trusts Board minutes of May 8th, 2018 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

e) Diocesan Council Workplan Update

The next Diocesan Council meeting will be in Nanaimo on June 28th, 2018. There was a discussion about meeting as a council during the summer to prepare for Synod 2018. A straw vote was taken as to the best month for meeting. There would be fewer absences in July (1) than in August (3).

5. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Sue House led the council through the minutes of the Finance meeting of May 24th, 2018

It was
MOVED BY: Janice Varga
SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of May 24th, 2018 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Motions to be ratified from the May minutes.

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That the Diocesan Council receives the Financial Reports as of April 30, 2018.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Juli Mallett

SECONDED BY: Patrick Sibley

That the Diocesan Council receives the Investment Committee minutes of May 18, 2018.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: David Stewart

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That the Diocesan Council approves the following four Vision Grants:

Surrounded by Cedar Healing on the Land Summer Camp *Remaining \$7,500*

Star of the Sea Centre for Spirituality *\$1,650*

St. Matthias: Chapel Art Gallery *\$3,000*

St. Barnabas: The River Pre-school *\$5,000*

The total of these grants is \$17,150.00

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The council broke for lunch at noon. We will return at 1pm.

David Chillman thanked the ladies in the kitchen on behalf of the members of Council.

6. Living the Vision #2

a) Brendan McNeil, the Diocesan Vision Animator, was introduced. Brendan shared about himself and his role in the diocese.

b) Lay Ministry and Formation

Jeanette Muzio and David Buckman spoke to this item. Their report is on file. There have been two successful training sessions this spring. One in Victoria and one in Nanoose Bay. The next event is a lay training which will be made up of 2 people from each of 5 parishes. They will gather to discuss topics important to them. There will be a steering committee. These individuals will form a 3 year plan for the teaching/learning schedule. People who have stated interest in putting the plan into action will be contacted. There will be a team for both up island and the capital region. The question was asked whether the training should be residential. There was a conversation but no decision was made.

c) Youth and Family life

Dawna Wall and Aneeta Saroop led the council through the work that has been done to date. They are putting together an inventory of ministries and then a plan as to how these ministries can best be used to enhance the life of the diocese. Youth and family life ministries work differently across the diocese. The needs and practices are different depending on the community. There is thought of using an online forum so leaders can connect to share resources and events. One needs to get a sense of youth ministry and to understand the context.

There is thought of a one day workshop to be held annually or maybe twice a year. Nothing has been decided as yet. The first event will be November 17th, 2018. Topics being

considered are Advent wreaths, prayer in home, actions of grace, rhythm and rule of life in the home. The Diocese of Toronto has this program and they will send a template of the programme. This event could be intergenerational.

There will be a promotion of summer camps across the diocese.

The Youth and Family Life team is helping to facilitate the Youth Advisory Council. The first meeting will be June 9th.

They are also promoting CLAY 2018.

7. Other business

There was no other business.

8. Closing Reflections

Aneeta Saroop offered a closing reflection with responses from small groups.

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