



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

Minutes of the meeting of May 25th, 2017 at Ss Peter and Paul, Esquimalt

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	Canon Ian Alexander
Mr. Bruce Winter	Mr. David Stewart
Ms. Penny Holt R	Ms. Brenda O'Brien
Ms. Elizabeth Walker R	Mr. Aidan Cunningham 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 R
Ms. Janice Varga	Mrs. Andrea Davis

APPOINTED

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

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 R

1. Bishop McMenamie welcomed the members of council to the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt and opened in prayer. Archdeacon Lon Towstego welcomed the people to the parish and acknowledged that we are meeting on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt Songhees peoples. Sue House led the council in Bible Study based on Ephesians 1. 17-19. The council reflected on the passage in their table groups.

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.

4. a) Minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting April 29th, 2017.

MOVED BY: Bruce Winter

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting of April 29th, 2017 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Results of Electronic Voting

5. Correspondence

We received a letter of thanks from the Reverend Canon Dr. Judy Rois, Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation. It was

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the letter of thanks from Canon Judy Rois, the Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation be received and filed.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Business Arising

Synod 2018

7. Synod 2018: Goal Set up

The ad hoc team of the Venerable Lon Towstego, the Very Reverend Ansley Tucker, Mr. David Stewart and Mrs. Brenda O'Brien led the council through the document they had prepared (on file). Their assignment was to take the stated goals for Synod 2018 and consider if further work needs to be done with them and how and when the work will be done. Canon Ian Alexander was the facilitator of this portion of the meeting.

We broke for lunch at 12.30 and returned at 1pm. Gail Gauthier thanked the kitchen crew from St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt for the lunch and snacks they prepared.

8. Synod 2016 – to now: Where are we?

The document is on file. The ad hoc team consisting of the Venerable Alastair McCollum, the Reverend Craig Hiebert, Canon Jeanette Muzio and Mrs. Janice Varga stated that one of the biggest challenges will be to ensure a wider understanding and support for the Vision. A suggestion offered was sharing specific examples of success in living out the vision using real examples. The use of short videos to share the news, videos that can be shared with parishes during announcements of coffee time (2-3 minutes) would be the most helpful. It was also suggested that some resources for bible studies and sermon topics be made available.

The ad hoc team (2) consisted of the Reverend Canon Dr. Dawna Wall, the Venerable Brian Evans, Mr. Tony Davis and Mrs. Judy Trueman. This team looked at the questions put before them and came up with detailed responses which are on file.

9. Next steps – Regional Meetings

The agenda for the spring regional meeting was shared with the members of council. At the time of the council meeting the first regional meeting has been held in the Selkirk Region and the dates of the other meetings were posted. The proposed agenda offered time for Eucharist, eating and conversation about the upcoming Synod and the goals of the synod as well as an opportunity to ask questions of the Bishop.

Faith in Foundation II

10. Finance

a) Minutes of May 12, 2017

It was

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: Bob Gill

That the minutes of the May 12th, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of May 12th, 2017.

Fred Rudd Trust

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the Finance Officer be permitted to invest the Fred Rudd Trust in a suitable mutual fund that best matches our Investment Policy Guidelines with TD Asset Management.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Pay Deductions and Remittances

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the Finance Officer be directed to report monthly to the Finance Committee as to whether pay deductions and remittances have been made.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Financial Statements

Gail Gauthier spoke to the financial statements. It was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) 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

No new business.

12. Any other business

a) Gabriola Shared Ministry Agreement

There was much discussion about this business item. Some concerns were raised about the document and Bob Gill will speak to the Chancellor about the concerns. It was

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That this Diocesan Council approve the signing of the Gabriola Shared Ministry agreement upon receiving a satisfactory report from the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the thanks of the Diocesan Council be extended to The Reverend Jim Holland, the Reverend Peggy Jensen and Mr. Rob Brockley for the hard work done to bring this agreement to this point.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Relationship Matters report

Lon Towstego spoke to the report (on file). The committee is contemplating sending communications to every parish of the diocese asking How is your parish engaging in the 94 calls to action received from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? If nothing is happening, what is so frustrating that you can't begin to be involved? The Relationship Matters Task Team has put forward the following proposal

- Diocesan Council assign to our Team at least one or two more people to work with the Relationship Matters Team.
- We suggest that there may be an opportunity to align us with the organizing team of the We Together Conference this September.
- That this group write an invitation asking that each parish demonstrate, by the time of the We Together Gathering in mid-September, how they have engaged in at least one of the Calls to Action. If this is not consistent with the We Together theme then we would suggest another date and perhaps a gathering.
- If parishes struggle and cannot name one, we invite them to talk to us. Use us as a resource and for support.
- We ask for creativity in responding. We hope that rather than being seen as 'another diocesan hoop or report that we have to do', that it be seen as an opportunity to tell reconciliation stories, relate experiences and share hope!

It was

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That parish's involvement be invited to tweak and work on the 94 Calls to Action as put forward by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with particular focus on the six actions directed to faith communities.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Vison Fund Jury Report

Canon Ian Alexander spoke to the following Vision Fund Grants and it was

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That the Diocesan Council approve that following six projects be recipients of Vison Fund Grants.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Proponent / Project	Amount	Source
1. "Living Awake" Program for the Spiritual but not Religious (The Rev. Ernest Morrow): one-year pilot project. Funding contingent on completion of MOU with University of Victoria Chaplaincy; project managed through Anglican Chaplain at U Vic. 75% of request.	≤\$7,500.00	Youth Fund
2. Wellness Program for Seniors at St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill. Site visit confirmed project viability. Funding is half what was requested; balance to be sought through United Church (shared ministry).	\$8,000.00	Vision Fund
3. Second year of funding for Ladysmith Open Table: monthly meal serving approximately fifty needy folk, including youth, seniors,	\$1,000.00	Vision Fund

Proponent / Project	Amount	Source
food bank clients, people with mental health issues, and First Nations. This year, we are funding only their rent at Aggy Hall; other costs are contributed by community partners.		
4. Coalition to Preserve Truth: subsidy towards estimated \$67,000.00 costs of intervention before the Supreme Court of Canada in the so-called "IAP Case" concerning the preservation of documented first-hand accounts of residential school survivors. Letters of support received from Relationship Matters and Aboriginal Neighbours.	\$10,000.00	Matters Funds
5. Selkirk & Tolmie Regions Lay Pastoral Care Training: project co-ordinated by Two Saints Ministry, so far involving four parishes, with more to come. Bursaries for up to forty people at one-day training workshop by South Island Centre, plus potential follow-up activities.	≤\$4,000.00 now + ≤\$4,000.00 later	Vision Fund
6. St. Philip, Oak Bay: ~50% support for 6 children's programs for Pro D Days 2017-18 week-long summer music theatre program for children. Second portion of application previously approved in April. Face-to-face meeting confirmed project viability.	\$2,000.00	Vision Fund
TOTAL RECOMMENDED NEW FUNDING:	≤\$36,500.00	
+ PROJECTS APPROVED IN APRIL	\$85,700.00	
= TOTAL PROJECTS APPROVED TO DATE IN 2017:	\$122,200.00	

The results of the electronic vote for the motion brought forward from the Finance Committee to the Diocesan Council were 10 out of a possible 15 yes votes. This Electronic Vote will be ratified at the next Diocesan Council meeting.

What will we take back to the people of our parishes?

- ✚ Agenda for the Regional Meetings
- ✚ Please bring folk along to these Regional meetings
- ✚ Continue to talk about the vision.
- ✚ The approval of Vision Grants and the excitement surrounding the new projects.

This is the last meeting of Diocesan Council for Archdeacon Brian Evans. The Bishop spoke of Brian's dedication and unfailing support of him and of the diocese. We will miss Brian and his wisdom and humor and wish him and Flo God's richest blessing in their retirement.

At 3.20pm with the Doxology said by all.

The next meeting is Saturday, June 24th at St. Mary, Oak Bay.