



THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2019 at St John, Duncan

EX OFFICIO

Bishop	Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Chancellor	Bob Gill R
Vice Chancellor	Vacant
Dean	The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker R
Registrar	Nathan Lampard R
Lay Secretary	Canon Judy Trueman
Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Paul Schumacher
Treasurer	Michael Murgatroyd R

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall	The Venerable Clara Plamondon
Don Wilson R	Michael Wolff
Joan Hoffman R	Penny Holt R
Ashley Blair	Aleesha Barkemeier R

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet R	Walter Stewart
The Rev. Patrick Sibley R	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio R
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop R	Lynn Schumacher
The Rev. Heather Cutten	Denise Ropp R
	Ed Norman

APPOINTED

The Rev. David Chillman
Boyd Shaw

STAFF

The Ven. J. Barry Foster, Executive Officer
Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer
Peter Daniel, Asset Manager
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli

1. Welcome

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of Diocesan Council. Bishop Logan thanked the members of St John the Baptist, Duncan, for use of their parish hall for today's meeting.

Faith in Foundation: Asset Management • Financial Resources • Effective Communication • Current Ministries
• Shared and Remote Ministries

RENEWED HEARTS RENEWED SPIRITS RENEWED PEOPLE

He acknowledged that we are on the lands of the Coast Salish peoples.

The Bishop then spoke about his written remarks (attached to the minutes of this council meeting), which were provided to Diocesan Council as part of their meeting package. He then introduced Walter Stewart as the volunteer lay co-chair for the Transforming Futures initiative. Walter will work with the Bishop promoting the T.F. program throughout the Diocese of British Columbia and possibly beyond to other parts of the Anglican Communion in Canada.

Bishop Logan then referred to the manner in which Affordable Housing has been connected to the T.F. initiative. The issue of providing Affordable Housing, in itself, is not a reason to establish any T.F. program within a parish. It does however have a place in the later fulfillment of any parish's T.F. program and must remain "secondary to the spreading of the gospel."

The Bishop then spoke about his experience attending the "circle of care" around the Quadra Street Mosque held this past week, in response to the tragic killing of fifty persons at the mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Bishop Logan then asked Diocesan Council to consider "How are we relating to the people in our neighbourhood", as we engage God's world?

Vision Reflection on a Season of Discipleship – Dawna Wall/Craig Hiebert

Dawna Wall and Craig Hiebert drew upon the gospel passage from Luke 5:27-39 and asked the members of council to see the world as Jesus sees the world. Craig offered an example of brewing beer and allowing the product to ferment in the bottles. On occasion, the process goes in an unexpected direction and bottles might explode. He used the analogy of "construction on the edge of destruction". There is a place for the old to exist along side the new. However, new wine does need to be placed in new wineskins in order to have the best results.

In this passage from Luke, we see many strange things happening. Levi joins the team of disciples and then hosts a banquet as a celebration of new life. We also are asked to consider how we live our faith, following John's disciples, our own path, or following Jesus? A second question can then be asked, "how does this look in our own neighbourhoods?"

2. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Governance Task Team

The Executive officer, Barry Foster, spoke about the first diocesan council meeting recorded in the new testament in Acts 15. Archdeacon Barry indicated that the role of DC is to govern, and less to implement policy. As DC, we do have a fiduciary role to manage the assets of the Diocese, but are we spending too much time working at making the day to day operation of the Diocese happen? He referenced the book, **Governance as Leadership**, which he suggested DC members may wish to review. The chief obstacle we face is what we have become. Our actions often prevent us from growing and making change. It is because of our resistance to change that we find it so difficult to do something different. We can only become an inclusive community when everyone can join.

Table groups were asked to describe “one point which we believe should be addressed” , “ who we are, and what we do”? Following the discussion groups, each table reported back to DC. The Executive officer stated that he found himself trying to understand what it is that groups do within the Diocese and how these groups relate to each other? And, how does what we do make a difference in the Diocese?

Ed Norman indicated that we need to examine our use of time and do we lack a sense of satisfaction in what we do?

Clara Plamondon stated that we need to understand the governance model as a policy development body, instead of being a rubber stamp. We need to discover what are our goals as members of Diocesan Council?

Boyd Shaw and Walter Stewart both expressed concern that DC must “stay out of the kitchen” and work at developing policy instead of working at operational implementation.

Barry Foster asked DC to consider questions the diocese may wish to explore:

- What is DC’s purpose?
- Are we who we say we are as an organization?
- Who would miss us if we ceased to exist?
- What should we stop doing? (*because the church is good at starting things but not always stopping things*)

b) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting. There were 13 members of council absent. [*Through consultation with the Chancellor, it was determined that there are 25 voting members on council and only twelve (12) voting members were absent. Therefore, there was a quorum of 13 present with only 12 voting members absent from this diocesan council meeting (March 30, 2019).*]

c) Minutes of February 28th, 2019 Diocesan Council meeting

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Ashley Blair

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of February 28, 2019 be adopted as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

3. Living The Vision #1

a) Transforming Futures – Update

Catherine Pate spoke briefly about the T.F. packages which are now available electronically. The Port Alberni Transforming Futures story will be posted as a T.F. article in the upcoming edition of The Diocesan Post. Parishes are reminded that the diocesan animator, Brendon Neilson, is available to assist with the training of your parish T.F. team.

Catherine asked DC members to remind their parishes that synod staff are available to assist with reporting and sharing their stories.

Walter Stewart, lay co-chair for T.F. initiative, indicated that Barry Foster, Brendon Neilson and himself would be making personal visits to all parishes as time moves forward. Timetables for these visits will be established over the next year.

Gail Gauthier stated that any donations made towards the T.F. program for parishes not actively pursuing a T.F. initiative at this time, will be held in the Diocese accounts until that parish begins their T.F. program, at which time, the parish's portion of the donation would be transferred to the parish in question.

Barry Foster indicated that Dean Peter Elliott, from Vancouver, is an excellent resource for fund raising initiatives. Walter Stewart will invite Peter to come and speak to the T.F. diocesan team.

4. Faith in Foundation #2

- a) Minutes of Finance Meeting March 21, 2019.

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff

SECONDED BY: Ashley Blair

That the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- b) Financial Statements to the end of February 2019

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That the Financial Statements and Reports to the end of February 2019 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The following motions of the Finance Committee were ratified:

- c) To approve the application of St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill to the Anglican Foundation to install a power assist door and a covered area for mobility scooters at the church buildings.

MOVED BY: Ed Norman

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That Diocesan Council approve and support the application of St. John Gualbert parish, Port McNeill for funding from the Anglican Foundation and provide the required supporting documents to complete the application for April 1, 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- d) To approve the application of St. Mary the Virgin, Metchosin to the Anglican Foundation to install a wheelchair ramp and to rectify the drainage on site to protect the heritage building (Old St. Mary Church).

MOVED BY: Ed Norman

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That Diocesan Council approve and support the application of Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Metchosin for funding from the Anglican Foundation and provide the required supporting documents to complete the application for April 1, 2019

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

e) Asset Management - Peter Daniel

- Heritage Alteration Process: St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt

Peter Daniel reported to council that the heritage alteration process is complete. The heritage alteration process comes at a cost of \$52,000 which is now added to the final cost of the overall project. Final drawings for the new building are being prepared. Demolition of the old parish hall should begin in the late spring of 2019. For information only.

- Pet Memorial Garden Recommendation:

MOVED BY: Ed Norman
SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That Diocesan Council approves establishing a 5-year Pilot Project for Pet Memorial Gardens conditional on the following recommendations by Asset Management in the parishes of St. Stephen Central Saanich and St. Mary Nanoose.

- When parish applications conform to Diocese Guidelines which include regulations on marketing, management best practices, and business feasibility have been approved by a parish vestry meeting.

- Where the cemetery area is defined, with scaled plans provided for the area to be fenced off and used only for the spreading of pet ashes.

- Where Memorial plaques would be allowed only if they are purchased from and provided by the parish (uniform size and type of plaque such as small bricks) and embedded in the fenced area.

- When applications for establishing pet memorial gardens are approved by a Parish and the Diocese through the Asset Management office.

And that the Parishes of St. Stephen Central Saanich and St. Mary Nanoose shall provide a comprehensive report to Diocesan council on their Pet Memorial Gardens at the end of the Pilot Project.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5. Faith in Foundation #3

a) Emerging Communities

In the Fall of 2017, Craig Hiebert and Rob Crosby-Shearer made a presentation to Diocesan Council regarding Emerging ministries in Canada. Today, Craig returned to DC to update the council on the work toward emerging communities in our Diocese. Using the direction of the Anglican Church in the U.K., Craig suggested that we are to "plant the church more widely."

At the Resurrect Conference, held this past November, at St. Mary Oak Bay, 80 participants from many creedal backgrounds, joined together to form connections, provide inspiration and share information. The ultimate goal was to form a cohort, supporting one another in the process of emerging ministries. Details of the weekend and the resulting recommendations are found in the attached EM document.

Several members of DC offered feedback regarding the Resurrect Conference.

6. Other Business

- a) Bishop Logan suggested that the Diocesan Council meeting planned for June 30th would occur on the Saturday of the July 1st holiday weekend. It is recommended that the meeting be moved to July 6th at St. Philip Oak Bay. Synod staff will contact the parish administrator to confirm the change in date.

7. Closing Reflections – Dawna Wall/Craig Hiebert

We are part of many strange and wonderful happenings. We are invited to be part of God's grace and love in this place. We are invited to share in the banquet prepared for us, even in this time of Lent. We are directed to invite others to the banquet.

The Bishop offered the blessing.

The meeting adjourned and lunch was provided at 1:05 pm.

Next Diocesan Council meeting
Saturday, April 27, 2019, Holy Trinity, Sooke at 10:00 am