



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

31 May 2014

Camp Medley, Upper Gagetown

Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda 31 May 2014
- Draft Minutes (19 March 2014)
- Attendance
- Team and Standing Committee Reports

Meeting circulation

- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Diocesan Representative Report

Attending: Donald Adams, Irene Adams, Stuart Allan, David Barrett, Rachel Barrett, Gilbert Carter, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Rick Haddad, Geoffrey Hall, Eileen Irish (p.m.), Rosemarie Kingston, Jim Knight (VC), Richard McConnell, Christopher McMullen (p.m.), Falen McNulty, Claude Miller, Clyde Spinney, Richard Steeves, Allen Tapley, Anne Walling, Walter Williams, Cheryl Young.

Guests: Jim Morell, Brian Spence.

Regrets: Sandra Craft, Tom Fetter, Bonnie LeBlanc, Douglas Painter, Edward Quann.

Lunch was served at about Noon by member Don Adams. The Council expressed appreciation.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Archbishop Claude Miller at 10:10 a.m.. Regrets were noted and the Archbishop welcomed new member Rosemarie Kingston (Diocesan ACW President). The resignation of Archdeacon Bonnie LeBlanc on 31 May, the retirement of Archdeacon Richard McConnell on 30 June, and the recent resignation of the Rev'd Shirley Noseworthy were also recognized.

C. Miller opened with prayer and a reading of Acts 1:6-14 which was followed by a hymn.

Meeting Agenda

MOTION 1: D. Barrett / W. Williams

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION 1: Carried.

Minutes of the last Meeting - 19 March 2014

MOTION 2: D. Edwards / D. Adams

That the minutes of 19 March 2014 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION 2: Carried.

It was noted that the Rev'd Amanda Longmoore remains the chair of the Youth and Intergenerational Ministries Team.

Archbishop's Remarks

- recognition of a time of significant transition with Synod Staff, new bishop, potential move of the Synod Office and patience is requested
- Bishop Percy Coffin (Diocese of Western Newfoundland) has been elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. Installation being planned for 18 September in Fredericton.
- Consecration and installation of Bishop-elect Edwards being planned for 20 September 2014 in Fredericton
- Dedication of the L. Fred Scott Memorial Field at Camp Medley on 07 June 2014, 2:00 p.m. with presentations of Awards of Merit
- Colin McDonald will not be present but is very busy and attending confirmations when possible. Helping to develop a new family camp in August at Camp Medley is one of his current projects.
- Jerusalem Sunday is 01 June 2014

Correspondence

Electoral Process

Letter dated 22 April from the Clericus of the Deanery of Kingston/Kennebecasis requesting a review of episcopal electoral process as directed by Canon Three and regulations under that canon. The Chancellor noted that the electoral process in the Diocese is a 'made in the Diocese of Fredericton' approach which offers direction in the context of a wide variety of examples of the same existing across the Anglican church. The Nomination Review Committee has also submitted a report recommending a couple of minor changes to the forms used in the current process.

MOTION 3: J. Knight / C. Spinney

That the issue of the electoral process be referred to the Administration Team.

MOTION 3: Carried unanimously.

Reception of Standing Committee and Team Reports

MOTION 4: C. Spinney / Falen McNulty

That standing committee and team reports be received as circulated.

MOTION 4: Carried.

Administration and Finance Team

- drastic changes in personnel up-coming
- position of parish Development and Stewardship Officer also becoming vacant
- questions about priority ranking - all are important, some are urgent

Finance Committee

- concern regarding a continuing pattern of parishes unable or unwilling to meet shared ministry budget requirements
- I. Adams reviewed the submitted report with some additional comment

MOTION 5: G. Carter / C. Spinney

That the collection of Pension Bonus Assessments be included in the collection of payroll in the future.

When the question was called, MOTION 5 was carried.

Human Resources Committee

- question of clarification re Clergy Wellness item - a long intended area to be addressed

MOTION 6: W. Williams / F. McNulty

That the medical benefits plan for active clergy be moved to the national Anglican Church of Canada plan effective November 1, 2014, with the opportunity given to Morneau Shepell to conduct a market survey if they wish to continue to pursue diocesan business.

On the discussion, inquiry was made about the need to give opportunity to Morneau Shepell and a market survey.

MOTION 6a: R. Steeves / C. Spinney

That the motion be amended to remove the opportunity to Morneau Shepell.

MOTION 6a: Carried.

MOTION 6: Amended

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MOTION 6 was carried.

Parish Support and Development Team

- 14 March 2015 has been identified as a Warden and Treasurer's Day with themes of music and youth
- document re church closures recently pickup and will be a challenge. Archbishop Miller spoke briefly on the challenges of creating such a document.
- Archdeaconry Commission progress tracking: The Team will develop a template and a non-prescriptive process for reporting

Stewardship and Financial Development Team

- R. Hadadd new chair
- Stewardship Sunday is 21 September 2014. Resources available.
- Stewardship Day on 18 October 2014 with a focus on stewardship of buildings and worship spaces. Comment from W. Williams that the developing safe church documents speak about "safe" spaces

Spiritual Development Team

- note the question about how to include and identify a wider circle in the membership of the teams of diocesan council

Other Reports

Primates World Relief and Development Fund Representative (A. Walling)

- "Some Like It Hot" video from fredsays.ca
- frustration re inactivity of the Mission/Outreach Team and questions about membership
- recent attendance on refugee sponsorship. Rules are always evolving making sponsorship difficult. If there is a wish to explore, contact Anne.
- Archbishop expressed thanks to A. Walling for continuing this work

Anglican Church Women

- president getting started in new role
- Farraline Home is facing financial challenges brought on by resident vacancies
- Archbishop noted the good work of ACW, the Extra Cent a Day Fund, support of Camp Medley and other mission emphases

Archdeaconry Commissions

Several territorial archdeacons made comment on progress follow-up from the Archdeaconry Commission process. Of particular note are recent changes in government funding for residential projects which impacts conversations with Rankin Developments and the parishes of Portland and West Saint John. Other options will need to be explored.

12-12-12

D. Edwards indicated that 12-12-12 (1) is continuing and to date has self-funded. 12-12-12 (2) has just finished its 3rd session with a full 12 participants.

Cathedral Synod Properties Committee

- refer to report as received
- D. Edwards expressed concern about the seeming lack of support from the wider diocese regarding a project with Christ Church Cathedral as reflected in the recent Together in Mission feasibility report and needs some time to assess current proposals, history and the ramifications of moving now at the beginning of his new episcopacy
- D. Adams asked about cost effectiveness. Have there been cost benefit analyses conducted? Is this the best use of resources?

Thanks

Archbishop Miller offered an expression of sincere thanks to those who have or, will soon be, leaving the membership of Diocesan Council:

- Clyde Spinney
- Brent Theriault
- Glenna Geer
- Richard McConnell
- Bonnie LeBlanc

This is also Archbishop Miller's last meeting of Diocesan Council.

Next Meeting - 04 October 2014

Parish of Sussex by invitation.

Adjournment

Motion # D. Barrett.

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m..

The meeting closed with the Archbishop's blessing and the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

The Most Rev'd Claude W. Miller
Archbishop and Chair

The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
Secretary of Synod

02 June 2014
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