



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

19 June 2014

Cathedral Memorial Hall, Fredericton

Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda 19 May 2014
- Report - Synod - Cathedral Properties Committee (19 June 2014)
- Report to the Cathedral Congregation (01 June 2014)
- Exterior sketches and floor plans - Cathedral Hall renovation

Meeting circulation

- Originals (not scans) of the item 4 above

Attending: Irene Adams, Stuart Allan, Gilbert Carter, Sandra Craft, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Tom Fetter, Rick Haddad (T), Geoffrey Hall, Eileen Irish, Jim Knight (VC), Falen McNulty (T), Claude Miller, Edward Quann, Clyde Spinney, Richard Steeves (T), Allen Tapley, Walter Williams, Cheryl Young (T).

Regrets: Donald Adams, David Barrett, Rachel Barrett, Rosemarie Kingston, Richard McConnell, Christopher McMullen, Douglas Painter, Anne Walling.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at about 5:03 p.m. by Vice-Chair Jim Knight. Archbishop Miller offered prayer.

Meeting Agenda

MOTION 1: A. Tapley / C. Spinney

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION 1: Carried.

Interim Episcopal Oversight

MOTION 2: D. Edwards / C. Spinney

That Archbishop Claude Miller be appointed "Episcopal Administrator" for the period 27 June - 20 September 2014.

MOTION 2: Carried unanimously.

Diocesan Signing Authority

MOTION 3: I. Adams / G. Carter

That Bishop-elect David Edwards be granted signing authority beginning immediately.

MOTION 3: Carried unanimously.

Synod - Cathedral Properties Project

The various reports circulated were discussed and clarifications addressed. Of note: T. Fetter clarified that the Cathedral Congregation (1) has expressed support for "Options 3 or 4" as a result of the 01 June meeting (Option 3 - renovate for Synod co-occupancy, Option 4 - full retrofit for Synod occupancy and increased mission and ministry of both the Synod and Cathedral), and that the Cathedral has concerns also about the cost of future needs of the Cathedral building itself.

Archbishop Miller offered a brief and simplified description of the proposed way forward: Proposed renovation project, including an elevator and creation/renovation of space to accommodate the Synod administration as well as enhanced space for the use of all concerned - \$1.7 million. A 50/50 partnership between the Cathedral and Synod. Cathedral's up front contribution would be the building itself (\$350,000) which the Synod would match in cash. Total Project value - \$2.1 million. The remaining project cost to be shared at about \$750,000 each. Current assets on the diocesan side of the partnership are Bishop's Court and Synod Office building. Inquiries about potential sale of those properties are being made.

A concern was raised about parishes perceiving the Cathedral congregation receiving an unfair advantage of support by partnering with the Diocesan Synod. From the Cathedral perspective, a simple sharing of space is "Option 3." Mission is mission, where ever it originates? The Cathedral contribution to the Project is not insignificant - relinquishing half ownership of the Memorial Hall and providing one-half of the project cost. The savings on the expense side for both the Diocese – Bishop's Court and Synod Office, and the Cathedral – Memorial Hall (heating, maintenance etc.) are significant.

MOTION 4: S. Allan / G. Carter

That this Diocesan Council approve the proposal regarding joint ownership and tenancy of Cathedral Memorial Hall, complete with renovations as proposed, with interim financing to a maximum of \$1,000,000, pending sale of Bishop's Court and the Synod Office building for matching funds with the Cathedral.

On discussion:

The Cathedral will need to take immediate action on current maintenance requirements in any case (approximately \$600,000?). The Synod needs to come to a decision soon to exercise better stewardship in maintaining administration facilities. Archdeaconry Commissions have called for better stewardship. This Project is a significant example and a model in that regard.

When the question was called, MOTION 4: Carried unanimously.

Next Meeting - 04 October 2014

Parish of Sussex by invitation.

Adjournment

Motion: A. Tapley.

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 p.m..

The meeting closed with prayer by the Bishop-elect.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jim Knight
Vice-Chair

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

The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
Secretary of Synod

10 July 2014
GMH