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MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2004

CATHEDRAL HALL, FREDERICTON

The Rt. Rev. Claude Miller presiding.

Regrets: M. Arnott; W. Williams.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer.

Following the opening remarks the agenda for the meeting which had been circulated, was adopted on motion from Archdeacon Berry, seconded by Archdeacon Hodge.

The minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2003 were adopted on motion from Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Watts.

There were several corrections noted with respect to the meeting, the most important being the fact that the date on the minutes circulated was incorrect. In addition there seemed to be some confusion over the content of the minutes. Council members were assured the revised and corrected version of the December 10, 2003 meeting will be circulated in order that all may have the proper content.

Business arising from the minutes:

Mr. Scott presented a verbal update with respect to the implementation of the increase in stipend scale as approved at the December 10th meeting. He indicated the Council's concerns with regard to stipend process and philosophy will be referred to the Stipend and Human Resources Committee, when that committee is restructured.

The issue of the Residential Schools Litigation was brought in terms of the need for the Diocese to have a clear process and strategy for raising the final \$87,500 required to fund our commitment to the residential schools settlement. The treasurer indicated this item will be referred to the Finance Committee so they may make recommendations to Council, as to how to proceed.

The Treasurer outlined as well that budget information sessions were held in each of the seven archdeaconries. He commented it will be critical for the next round of budget consultations to be done much earlier in the budget process.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION:

The Council formed into five small groups to study and reflect on a passage from Corinthians 1 - Chapter 12. This provided an opportunity for fellowship and for an identification of individual interests and passions with regard to the work of Council. Following the Bible study, each Council member introduced themselves to the rest of the group.

PRESENTATIONS RE CAMPS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Mr. Bev Harrison, Mr. Clarence Box and Mrs. Judith Arbow were introduced in order that they could make a presentation with regard to the plans for construction and repair projects at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood, and the possible launching of a financial campaign to fund that effort.

Mr. Harrison led the Council members on a review of the plans providing some history and background into the effort to date. He presented preliminary plans for new "huts" and a new main building along with a schematic of a new layout of the camp property.

He indicated the goal for the financial campaign in support of the project is \$1.25 million. He then introduced Mrs. Arbow of Kenn-Mainville Assoc. who led a presentation in that respect.

The consultants were hired by the Camp Medley Board to carry out a feasibility study as to whether or not such a financial campaign can and should go forward. Mrs. Arbow's comments indicated that so far, based on the work she has done, and the interviews conducted, there was a very positive attitude and response to the proposal.

She urged Council members to provide names of individuals who would be willing to serve on a committee to oversee the financial campaign, should it come to pass, and also to provide names of individuals who might be approached for an interview during the feasibility study.

Following the presentation there was a brief question and answer time as individual members of Council expressed their enthusiasm for the undertaking.

There will be much more information on this project in the near future.

REMARKS FROM THE BISHOP:

The Bishop then made a presentation to Council with respect to the revised structure of the Diocesan Council, and reviewed its mandate, so Council members may be fully aware of the expectations that comes with their membership. He gave a brief review of the history behind the restructuring and the manner in which Council will be charged with responsibility for being pro-active in the management of the day to day affairs of the Diocese, with an emphasis on program, and the administrative and Episcopal work of the Diocese.

The Bishop remarked as well that all the work of Council is focused on the Gospel at the centre of our efforts, and the task of building up our ministry here in God's Kingdom.

The presentation was followed by a brief discussion period, and the Bishop indicated that Council's next meeting will be in the form of a retreat so members may further delve into the mandate and the

role each will play in seeing that mandate fulfilled.

FINANCIAL RESULTS 2003:

In response to a request, the Treasurer indicated that while he is able at this point to provide some preliminary financial information, given the time constraints under which this meeting is functioning, it would be best to delay these until they can be properly presented. Council agreed.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS:

Diocesan Council must appoint three lay persons and one youth member to round out its membership. Council is also required to make formal appointment of the treasurer, secretary, registrar, and archivist, along with a representative to the Board of Kings College. The Council will also must elect/appoint membership on the Finance, Constitution and Canons, and Archives Committees. There is also the need to appoint 10 clergy and 10 lay persons to serve on the Ecclesiastical Court pool as required under the discipline Canon.

Following some discussion around these requirements the Council then turned its attention to the matter at hand.

Diocesan Officers: The following were put forward in nomination as:

- Secretary of Synod - The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
- Diocesan Treasurer - Mr. L. F. Scott
- Registrar - Canon Tom Smith
- Archivist - Mr. Frank Morehouse
- King's Board Representative - Canon Alvin Westgate

Hodge\Joyce that the nominations for these positions cease. Carried.
The Council declared these individuals appointed to the positions noted.

Ecclesiastical Court Pool: There is a requirement for the appointment of a pool of persons who may be drawn upon should the Ecclesiastical Court need to be convened in a discipline matter. The Canon calls for the appointment of 10 clergy and 10 lay to that pool. The following nominations were put forward:

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| Laity: | Shara Golden | Clergy: | Howard Anningson |
| | Terry Hutchinson | | Barry Craig |
| | Peter Irish | | Robyn Cuming |
| | (Ms) Kimberly Monteith | | Patricia Drummond |
| | Judith Moore | | Peter Gillies |
| | Rick Peacock | | Elaine Hamilton |
| | Dierdre Wade | | Ross Hebb |
| | Lynn Walsworth | | William Morton |
| | David Watts | | Eric Phinney |
| | Kelley VanBuskirk | | Donald Routledge |

After calls for further nominations, it was moved by Don Thompson, seconded by Dean Joyce that the nominations close.

The individuals so nominated were then declared elected as the Ecclesiastical Court Pool:

Archives Committee: The following nominations were put forward:

Marion Beyea	Twila Buttimer	Barry Craig
Charles Ferris	Gregg Finley	Geoffrey Hall
Ross Hebb	Harvey Malmberg	Frank Morehouse
Heather Vail	Lorna Williams	

Following three calls for nominations it was moved by the Rev. Douglas Barrett, seconded by Mr. Watts that nominations cease.

The individuals so nominated were then declared elected to the Archives Committee.

Constitution and Canons Committee: The following nominations were put forward:

Charles (Chair, Ex-officio)	Clyde Spinney (Vice Chair, Ex-officio)
Ray Dixon	Fred Nicholson
Eugene Westhaver	Ron Stevenson
Lynn Walsworth	Kimberley Monteith
Kelly VanBuskirk	Dierdre Wade
Bev Smith	Robyn Cuming
Ross Hebb	Barry Craig
Terry Hutchinson	

After calls for nominations it was moved by the Rev. John Cathcart, seconded by Archdeacon Hodge that nominations cease.

The individuals so nominated were then declared elected to the Constitution and Canons Committee.

Appointment of Council Membership: Council is required to appoint three lay persons and one youth member to round out its membership but there were insufficient nominations put forward. It was agreed that more work is needed in order to identify appropriate nominees for these positions.

To that end Council decided that a nominating committee should be established to seek out and present nominations for election to the following groups - Diocesan Council lay membership, Diocesan Council youth member, and the Finance Committee.

The Bishop then asked Archdeacon Hodge to chair a nominating committee and there was agreement that Mr. Trevor Holder, and Mrs. Gloria Jennings would be asked to serve on this committee.

Moved by Mr. Watts, seconded by Archdeacon Patstone that this Council appoint the Nominating Committee as named, and they be asked to carry out their process assigned to them. Carried.

The Treasurer offered a caution that it is very important for the issue of the establishment of membership in the Finance Committee to be handled on a very timely basis, preferably by the end of the first week of February. The Chairman of the Committee made note of this and will act accordingly.

Executive and Vice-Chair of Council: It was agreed that these appointments be held in abeyance until the next meeting, by which time the full membership on Council will have been determined.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

The Bishop reviewed with Council members the proposed dates for meetings. The next meeting of Diocesan Council will be held on the evening of March 26th and overnight to March 27th at the Villa Madonna Retreat Centre. The Bishop indicated this will be a very important development time for the Diocesan Council, and there will be a facilitator on hand to assist in helping Council work through its mandate and its role within the structure of the Diocese.

Subsequent meetings have been tentatively scheduled for May 19th, September 15th and November 17th. All of which fall on Wednesdays. The Bishop urged the Council members to consider these dates carefully, and if they are causing problems for a significant number of Council members, then they may need to be changed.

OTHER MATTERS:

The Dean made comment to the Diocesan Council members with respect to the licensing of liturgical resources. A request has been received from the National Office in that respect and the Dean has forwarded this on to members of the clergy for their input. The Dean also mentioned he has been instructed by the Bishop to establish a committee studying the issue of blessing of same sex unions. He offered members of Council an opportunity to purchase a book on that topic, a book that has been made available to members of the committee.

A concern was raised with respect to lack of gender balance on the membership of Diocesan Council, and this was noted. The nominating committee will take specific note of this particular issue.

It was also mentioned that Canon David Kierstead has received a reward from the Saint John West side Chamber of Commerce with respect to partnership work being done to assist disadvantaged people in the area. Congratulations were offered, and the Bishop will send a letter to that effect to Canon Kierstead.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. and closed with the Grace.

L. F. Scott,

for the Secretary of Synod