THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL
22 June 2005
Cathedral Hall, Fredericton

Pre-meeting circulation:
- Agenda
- 18 May 2005 Draft Minutes
- Response to the Bishop's Charge

Meeting circulation:
- Diocesan Council Folders to New Members

In attendance:
Stuart Allan, Murray Arnott, Elizabeth Belyea, Malcolm Berry, Heather Carr; John Cathcart, Robyn Cuming, Charles Ferris, Geoffrey Hall, Don Hamilton, Vicars Hodge, Bonnie Hunt, Keith Joyce, Richard McConnell, Claude Miller; Robert Salloum, Fred Scott; Cecil VanBuskirk.
Guests:
Peter Gillies, Peter Irish, George Porter, Ana Watts.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Members of Diocesan Council and guests gathered at the Cathedral Hall.. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. with the Right Reverend Claude Miller assuming the Chair. The Chair declared a quorum and offered a word of welcome to all members, especially the new members of Council.
The Bishop asked everyone present to give a short introduction of themselves.

1.2 Regrets:
Elizabeth Reid, Patricia Drummond, Keith Osborne, David Perks, John Sharpe, Donald Thompson, Walter Williams.

1.3 Bishop's Comments
The Bishop noted a copy of the response to his charge was in the pre-meeting circulation, so he passed a copy of his charge to go with it in order to keep things in perspective. The Bishop explained Diocesan Council is the body in charge of synodical business between Synods. He reminded everyone that although we have 7 teams, all members of the Council work together and not in isolation from each other.

2. STUDY AND DISCUSSION

Matthew 10:40-42 was read. A discussion ensued on the concept of Christian hospitality which holds a much deeper meaning than the secular sense.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 18 May 2005

MOTION 1: V. Hodge / M. Arnott - **That the agenda be accepted with the minor change on item 3.2.5 whereby the brackets should read 30 Sept./01 Oct. 2005.**
MOTION 1: Carried unanimously.

3.1 Acceptance of Minutes
MOTION 2: M. Arnott/ J. Cathcart - **That the minutes of the 18 May 2005 meeting of Diocesan Council be accepted as circulated.**
MOTION 2: Carried unanimously.

3.2 Arising from minutes and unfinished items
This list is simply a reminder of deadlines faced by the Council.

3.2.1 Sexual Harassment Policy introduction and implementation (01 Sept/30 Nov 2005)
C. Ferris stated the Administrative Team is looking after this.

3.2.2 Privacy Policy introduction and implementation (01 Nov 2005)
C. Ferris reported this is being looked after. It was suggested that Elizabeth Harding be added to the implementation team of this policy. Peter Gillies and Eric Phinney have joined the implementation team.

3.2.3 Signing authority Canon change
The task is in front of Council as an administrative matter to be brought to Synod in 2007.

3.2.4 Companion Diocese Committee
Our Companionship with Recife formally ended in 2004. This matter has been referred to the Mission Outreach Team asking them to establish a Companion Diocese Committee to develop a policy and to investigate the possibility of renewing our covenant with Recife or finding a new companion.

MOTION 3: M. Berry/ C. VanBuskirk - **That the Mission Outreach Committee Report be given at the Council's September 2005 gathering with respect to any progress on any Companion Diocese.**
MOTION 3: Carried unanimously.

3.2.5 2005 Council Development (30 Sept/01 Oct 2005)
Archdeacon Berry will be added as a resource person. It was indicated that all members should be present! The planning group (Mo Iype, chair) has not yet met to plan the event.

3.2.6 Stewardship Pilot Program Proposal
A copy of the proposal can be found (Council protected pages) on the Diocesan Website. At present, it is still being considered at the National Church.

3.2.7 T.E.N.S. Stewardship Conference
No one was sent to represent the Diocese.

3.2.8 C2C
At this point, the Bishop called on George Porter to give a report on the upcoming C2C Mission to Cuba. G. Porter reported the group was leaving on Sunday and that the enthusiasm was very high amongst the group of 14. He was please to say the base goal of $21,000 had been surpassed and that $26,000 had actually been raised. The Bishop offered prayers of blessing on this group.

4. Reports

4.1 Camps Campaign
The Bishop called on Peter Irish who distributed his report to all those present. As of June 22, pledges and donations had reached $86,597.49. P. Irish called on all Council members to encourage the people in their parishes to be aware of the Camps Campaign. The Bishop expressed his disappointment that the amount raised was only 8% of the anticipated target for the end of June ($500,000).

A very lengthy discussion followed with the goal of making the campaign more visible and productive.

4.2 Synod Planning
G. Hall reported the 8 member planning team would be meeting soon for an evaluation session. The Diocese is in the process of making a template for Synod so that future synods may be planned with more ease. He expressed his thanks to all who helped. The Bishop added his personal thanks to all who worked in the planning and execution of Synod 2005.

4.3 Team Reports
The Bishop took the time to express thanks to all the Council Teams for the reports which were presented at Synod.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Elections and Appointments

Diocesan Council
MOTION 4: K. Joyce/ R. Salloum - **That nominations for representation on Diocesan Council cease.**
MOTION 4: Carried unanimously.

Diocesan Council (Youth)
MOTION 5: J. Cathcart/ R. Salloum - **That nominations for youth representation on Diocesan Council cease.**
MOTION 5: Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee
MOTION 6: M. Berry/ S. Allan - **That nominations for representation on the Finance Committee cease.**
MOTION 6: Carried unanimously.

Offences Committee
MOTION 7: J. Cathcart/ V. Hodge - **That nominations for representation of the Offences Committee cease.**
MOTION 7: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 8: V. Hodge/ J. Cathcart - **That Fred Nicholson be appointed chair of the Offences Committee.**
MOTION 8: Carried unanimously.

Court Pool
MOTION 9: V. Hodge/ D. Hamilton - **That nominations for lay representation on the Court Pool cease.**
MOTION 9: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 10: M. Berry/ V. Hodge - **That nominations for clergy representation on the Court Pool cease.**
MOTION 10: Carried unanimously.

Kings College Board
MOTION 11: V. Hodge/ M/ Berry - **That nominations for representation on Kings College Board cease.**
MOTION 11: Carried unanimously.

Archives Committee
MOTION 12: S. Allan/ M. Arnott - **That the Archives Committee list be accepted with the addition of Keith Joyce.**
MOTION 12: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 13: M. Berry/ K. Joyce - **That David Barrett be added to the Archives Committee**.
MOTION 12: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 14: K. Joyce/ M. Arnott - **That Ross Hebb and Charles Ferris be appointed chair and vice-chair of the Archives Committee.**
MOTION 14: Carried unanimously.

Canons and Constitution Committee
Robert Salloum was added to the list.

MOTION 15: S. Allan/ R. Salloum - **That nominations for representation on the Canons and Constitution Committee cease.**
MOTION 15: Carried unanimously.

The members of Council were asked to vote on the various elections by secret ballot.

5.2 Council Team Assignments

A list was circulated for members to indicate their preferred team appointment. Every member of Council must be on at least one team.

5.4 Future Meeting Schedule

The Bishop suggested that after prayerful consideration, the new Council could decide on which pattern of meetings members would like to follow. Council meets approximately 5 times a year for regular meetings..

5.5 Other

The Chancellor spoke on the need to improve the nominating process.

MOTION 16: C. Ferris/ C. VanBuskirk - **That a nominating committee for Diocesan Council be created and that the task be assigned to the Administrative Team.**

MOTION 16: Carried unanimously.

5.1 Elections and Appointments (continued)

Diocesan Council:

Mohan Iype, Hazel McKenzie, Keith Dow

Diocesan Council (Youth)

Caryn Crowe - acclaimed

Finance Committee:

Murry Arnott, Kelley Hall, Norman MacLeod, David Keirstead, Sharon Connors, Jean Hamilton

Offences Committee - acclaimed

Fred Nicholson, Walter Williams, Bonnie LeBlanc, Barbara Cooper

Court Pool - Lay - acclaimed

Shara Golden, Terry Hutchinson, Peter Irish, Kimberley Monteith, Judith Moore, Rick Peacock, Deirdre Wade, Lynn Walsworth, David Watts, Kelly VanBuskirk

Court Pool - clergy - acclaimed

Howard Anningson, Barry Craig, Robyn Cuming, Patricia Drummond, Peter Gillies, Elaine Hamilton, Ross Hebb, William Morton, Eric Phinney, Robert Salloum

Kings College Board - acclaimed

Judith Campbell, Alvin Westgate

Archives Committee - appointed

Marion Beyea, Twila Buttimer, Charles Ferris, Gregg Finley, Geoffrey Hall, Ross Hebb, Harvey Malmberg, Frank Morehouse, Heather Vail, Lorna Williams, Arnold Godsoe, Christopher VanBuskirk, Keith Joyce, David Barrett

Constitution and Cannons Committee

Charles Ferris, Chair (ex-officio), Clyde Spinney, Vice chair (ex-officio), Ray Dixon, Fred Nicholson, Eugene Westhaver, Ron Stevenson, Lynn Walsworth, Kimberley Monteith, Kelly VanBuskirk, Deirdre Wade, Beverley Smith, Patricia Drummond, Robyn Cuming, Ross Hebb, Barry Craig, Terry Hutchinson, Barbara Cooper, Robert Salloum

Vice Chair - Diocesan Council

MOTION 17: R. McConnell/J. Cathcart - **That Mohan Iype be nominated as Vice Chair of Diocesan Council.**

MOTION 17: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 18: R. Salloum/ C. VanBuskirk - **That nominations for Vice Chair of Diocesan Council cease.**
MOTION 18: Carried unanimously.

Diocesan Executive
Lay: George Connor, Keith Dow, Cecil VanBuskirk, Murry Arnott, Heather Carr and Hazel McKenzie were added to the ballot.

Clergy: Robyn Cuming, Stuart Allan, Vicars Hodge were added to the ballot.

MOTION 19: J. Cathcart/ V. Hodge - **That nominations for lay representation on the Diocesan Executive cease.**
MOTION 19: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 20: J. Cathcart/ M. Arnott - **That nominations for clergy representation on the Diocesan Executive cease.**
MOTION 20: Carried unanimously.

The members of Council were asked to select the Diocesan Executive by secret ballot.

Diocesan Executive - lay
Charles Ferris, Fred Scott, Mohan Iype, Cecil VanBuskirk, Murry Arnott, Heather Carr

Diocesan Executive - clergy
Keith Joyce, Geoffrey Hall, Keith Osborne, Robyn Cuming, Stuart Allan, Vicars Hodge

Destruction of ballots
MOTION 21: V. Hodge/ S. Allan - **That the ballots be destroyed.**
MOTION 21: Carried unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 23: V. Hodge - **That this meeting of Council be adjourned.**

The Chair closed the meeting with prayer. Time: 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Martin (The Rev.)
Recording Secretary

Geoffrey Hall (The Ven.)
Secretary of Synod