



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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Approved 15 September 2007

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

28 June 2007

Parish of Fredericton - Christ Church (Parish) Church

Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes 16 May 2007
- Council membership
- Synod Resolutions Committee draft modification
- Council Team Roles and Responsibilities
- Nominating Committee Report

Distributed at meeting

- Finance Committee Camps Project Update draft
- Nominating Committee Report (final)

In attendance:

Stuart Allan, David Barrett, Heather Carr, William Chilton, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Greg Fraser, Geoffrey Hall, Robert LeBlanc, Jon Lownds, Richard McConnell, Claude Miller, Keith Osborne, Douglas Painter, Ted Quann, Fred Scott, John Sharpe, Clyde Spinney, Gordon Thompson, Michael Tower, Christopher Waldshutz, Walter Williams.

Regrets:

Carolyn Dixon, Vicars Hodge, C. Ferris, Donald Hazen, Keith Joyce.

Guests:

Barbara Landry, Ana Watts.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Welcome and Prayer

The Bishop called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. with prayer.

1.2 Regrets:

The Secretary listed those who had communicated regrets. Joan Randall was not in attendance.

1.3 Opening comments

The Bishop read a first draft of a pastoral letter to the Diocese to be available before week's end. The Pastoral was particular addressing issues following the meeting of General Synod. New members of Diocesan Council were welcomed and all members were asked to briefly introduce themselves.

1.4 Correspondence

No correspondence.

1.5 The Agenda: modification requests

Item 4.6 re Stewardship training funds was removed.

MOTION 1: J. Sharpe / D. Barrett - **That the agenda be accepted as modified.**

MOTION 1: Carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: 16 May 2007

2.1 Acceptance.

MOTION 2: G. Thompson / M. Tower - **That the minutes of the 16 May 2007 meeting of Diocesan Council be accepted as circulated.**

MOTION 2: Carried unanimously.

2.2 From past minutes

- 2.2.1 Code of Pastoral Conduct (tabled October 2006) clergy group working
- 2.2.2 Shared Ministry Plan Implementation
- 2.2.3 Fractured relationship mediation pending
- 2.2.5 Rothesay Netherwood School Act and governance review continuing
- 2.2.6 Retired Clergy Benefits - Consultation with retired clergy continuing
- 2.2.7 Fair Share Contribution pending
- 2.2.8 Budgeting process - Council Team Chairs to develop September 2007
- 2.2.9 Diocesan Council September orientation pending
- 2.2.10 AST Endowment Funding complete

2.3 Items from Synod 2007

- 2.3.1 Changes to Canon TWO complete
- 2.3.2 Resolution 129-12: Marriage and Sexuality
 - 2.3.2.1 Memorial to General Synod complete
 - 2.3.2.2 Resolution to Archbishop of Canterbury working
- 2.3.3 Fair Share Contribution - pending
- 2.3.4 Water as a right: Promotion of Clean Water Programs pending
- 2.3.5 Communications Committee pending
- 2.3.6 Stem Cell Research pending
- 2.3.7 Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force pending

To a question regarding the distinction between "pending" and "working:" the Secretary indicated that "working" suggests that progress is being made.

3. Reports

3.1 Council Team reports:

- 3.1.1 Stewardship and Financial Development
Report received with thanks. Some discussion about a training conference in the Diocese of Ontario with Kennon Callahan. Information has been distributed to Council members via e-mail.

3.2 Finance

- 3.2.1 Camps Project Update. A one page summary (brief) regarding the financial status of the Project (income as of 31 May 2007) was distributed. Some clarifications were requested.

3.3 Nominating Committee

The report was received. Two pages reflect the possible need for voting in two rounds. All requirements complete with the exception of one member to the Finance Committee.

3.4 Items for Discussion

- 3.4.1 Synod debriefing. There was a short conversation re Synod 2007. G. Hall noted that Synod Planning had met 18 June, reviewed evaluations and discussed the preparation of terms of reference for Synod Committee. Synod Planning will meet again in September.

3.4.2 Fair Share Contribution. There is confusion as to what the tabling of the motion means for parish contributions to the Diocesan Budget. The Bishop's statement "status quo" is being interpreted in various ways. Diocesan Council will need to attend to the issue immediately in September.

3.3.3 Shared Ministry Plan status. Copies of the shared ministry plan are included in the Diocesan Council member binders. The current implementation included attention drawn by way of the shape of the Diocesan Synod agenda. Several items are in progress. The possibility exists to address further implementation initiatives as part of Council orientation and planning session in September.

4. Business

4.1 Elections / appointments.

Further nominations were called with motions that nominations cease for the following:

- Diocesan Council G. Thompson / M. Tower
- Finance Committee G. Thompson / M. Tower
- Ecclesiastical Court Pool J. Sharpe / R. LeBlanc
- Diocesan Executive J. Lownds / D. Painter
- Vice-chair of Diocesan Council D. Edwards / H. Carr

Appointment of those nominated were confirmed by resolution:

- Archives Committee
- Constitution and Canons Committee J. Sharpe / H. Carr
- Sexual Misconduct Committee
- Kings College Board of Governors D. Painter / G. Fraser

Diocesan Council - at large

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| Ms. Falen McNulty (Youth) | Mrs. Barbara Landry |
| Mrs. Hazel MacKenzie | Mr. Gerald McConaghy |

Finance Committee

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| Mrs. Kelley Hall | Mr. Gilbert Carter |
| Mr. Murry Arnott | The Rev'd Canon David Kierstead |
| Mr. Tracey Cleary | |

Diocesan Executive

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| Canon Charles Ferris | The Ven. Walter Williams |
| Canon Fred Scott | The Ven. Geoffrey Hall |
| Mrs. Heather Carr | The Rev'd Keith Osborne |
| Mr. Ted Quann | The Rev'd Captain David Edwards |
| Mr. Chris Waldshutz | The Ven. Stuart Allan |
| Lay (Finance Chair) | The Ven. Patricia Drummond |

Ecclesiastical Court Pool

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| Mrs. Shara Golden | The Rev'd Canon Howard Anningson |
| Mr. David Bell | The Rev'd Rod Black |
| Mr. Terry Hutchinson | The Rev'd Dr. Barry Craig |
| Mr. Peter Irish | The Rev'd Peter Gillies |
| Mrs. Judith Moore | The Rev'd Canon Elaine Hamilton |
| Mr. Rick Peacock | The Rev'd Dr. Ross Hebb |
| Mr. Kelly Vanbuskirk | The Rev'd Robert Salloum |
| Mrs. Deidre Wade | The Rev'd William Morton |
| Mr. David Watts | The Rev'd Eric Phinney |
| Mrs. Ann Whiteway Brown | The Rev'd Deacon Joyce Perry |

Kings College Board of Governors

Canon Ron Stevenson Mrs. Meg Edward

Sexual Misconduct Committee

Mr. Fred Nicholson The Rev'd Bonita LeBlanc
Mrs. Barbara Cooper The Ven. Walter Williams

Vice-chair of Diocesan Council

Mr. Christopher Waldshutz

Constitution and Canons Committee

Prof David Bell Mrs. Barbara Cooper
Mr. Terry Hutchinson Mr. Fred Nicholson
Canon Ron Stevenson Mrs. Deirdre Wade
Mr. Eugene Westhaver Mr. Kelly VanBuskirk
The Rev'd Dr. Barry Craig The Ven. Patricia Drummond
The Rev'd Dr. Ross Hebb Mrs. Ann Whiteway Brown

Archives Committee

The Rev'd Dr. Ross Hebb The Rev'd Chris VanBuskirk
Canon Charles Ferris Mrs. Lorna Williams
The Rev'd David Barrett The Rev'd Arnold Godsoe
Mrs. Mary Robinson The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
Ms. Twila Butimer

4.2 Synod Resolutions Committee Guidelines

MOTION 3: G. Hall / H. Carr - That the guidelines of the Synod Resolutions Committee approved 18 May 2005 be amended with the addition of section 3, "ballot count team."

Discussion: It would seem that all voting procedures require attention. A trained team could also be used to count votes on the floor of Synod when necessary.

MOTION 3a to amend: J. Lownds / D. Painter - That the word "vote" replace the word "ballot" in the proposed guideline.

MOTION 3a: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 3 (amended): That the guidelines of the Synod Resolutions Committee approved 18 May 2005 be amended with the addition of section 3, "vote count team," changing all references to "ballot count team" with "vote count team."

When the vote was called,

MOTION 3: Carried unanimously.

4.3 Dissolution of the Parish of St. Paul.

MOTION 4: G. Hall / K. Osborne -

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. Paul has ceased to function; and;

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. Paul has, by Resolution adopted on 14 June 2003 requested that the Diocesan Council pursuant to s. 7(14) of the Anglican Church Act, 2003, order that the Corporation be dissolved, that its

property be managed pursuant to a Trust Deed made on, 27 June 2007, and that the Bishop of Fredericton issue a Memorial of Dissolution of the Corporation; and WHEREAS, notwithstanding s. 7(14) of the Anglican Church Act, 2003, the Diocesan Council has determined that an inquiry is not necessary to determine the disposition of the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. Paul; The Diocesan Council orders that the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. Paul be dissolved and that the Bishop of Fredericton, pursuant to s. 7(15) of the Anglican Church Act, issue a Memorial of Dissolution of the Corporation.

MOTION 4: Carried unanimously

4.4 Dissolution of the Parish of St. James, Saint John

MOTION 5: G. Hall / G. Thompson -

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. James, Saint John has ceased to function; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. James, Saint John has, by Resolution adopted on 03 October 2005 requested that the Diocesan Council pursuant to s. 7(14) of the Anglican Church Act, 2003, order that the Corporation be dissolved, that its property be vested in the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton, and that the Bishop of Fredericton issue a Memorial of Dissolution of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding s. 7(14) of the Anglican Church Act, 2003, the Diocesan Council has determined that an inquiry is not necessary to determine the disposition of the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. James, Saint John; The Diocesan Council orders that the Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. James, Saint John be dissolved and that the Bishop of Fredericton, pursuant to s. 7(15) of the Anglican Church Act, issue a Memorial of Dissolution of the Corporation.

MOTION 5: Carried unanimously.

4.5 Anglican Foundation Application - Christ Church Cathedral

MOTION 6: G. Hall / S. Allan - **That this Diocesan Council approve the application of Christ Church Cathedral to the Anglican Foundation in support of a necessary heating system replacement in September 2007.**

Discussion: It is understood that Diocesan Council has not, in the past, approved Anglican Foundation applications. It would be helpful to have all applications being considered? Clarification included that the Foundation meets three times each year and that the Cathedral application is the only one at the moment. Both the Diocesan Camps Project and the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John have had successful applications so far in 2007. When the vote was called,

MOTION 6: Carried unanimously.

4.6 Diocesan Council September Orientation Planning

J. Lownds, C. Waldshutz and C. Spinney volunteered to assist in planning the September meeting of Diocesan Council.

4.7 Meeting Schedule

MOTION 7: H. Carr / G. Thompson. **That the future meeting schedule be as follows:**

- **Friday eve - Saturday, 14-15 September 2007 (Oromocto)**
- **Wednesday, 07 November 2007 (Bushville)**
- **Saturday, 12 January 2007 (Sussex) – 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

- **Wednesday, 12 March 2007 (Archdeaconry of Saint John)**
- **Saturday, 17 May 2007 (Camp Brookwood - D. Painter)**

4.8 Diocesan Council Team Preferences

Members of Council were asked to indicate on a circulated sheet their preferences for working on Diocesan Council Teams.

5. Announcements

5.1 Dean, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (DARD) are scheduled to meet 20 September 2007 in Doaktown, 10:00 - 3:00 p.m..

6. Adjournment

MOTION 8: G. Hall - **That the meeting be adjourned.**

The meeting closed with prayer at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable Geoffrey Hall, Secretary of Synod
The Right Reverend Dr. Claude W. Miller, Chair and Bishop

12 July 2007