THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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Adopted 07 November 2007

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL
15 September 2007
Camp Forces Base Gagetown

Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes 28 June 2007
- Attendance Report
- Team Membership
- Human Resources Committee Report
- Team Reports
- Resolutions of the 129th Diocesan Synod
- Roles, Elections and Appointments
- Province of Canada Diocesan Report

Distributed at meeting

- Foundations Power Point
- Worship Booklet
- Committees, Groups and Organizations
- Roles and Responsibilities of Teams
- Priority and Action Items
- Shared Ministry Plan
- Parish Support and Development Team Report
- Schedule of Weekend
- Evaluation Form

Attending: Stuart Allan, William Chilton, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Charles Ferris, Greg Frazer, Geoffrey Hall, Vicars Hodge, Keith Joyce, Robert LeBlanc, Jon Lownds, Hazel MacKenzie, Gerald McConaghy, Richard McConnell, Falen McNulty, Claude Miller, Keith Osborne, Douglas Painter, Ted Quann, Fred Scott, Christopher Waldschutz, Walter Williams.

Regrets: David Barrett, Carolyn Dixon, Heather Carr, Michael Tower, John Sharpe, Gordon Thompson.

Guests: Leo Martin, George Porter, Elizabeth Harding (Saturday), Ana Watts (Saturday)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Welcome

The Bishop welcomed everyone to this second day of Council and noted the Chancellor, Canon Charles Ferris, and the Vice-chancellor, Mr. Clyde Spinney, were present. The first session of the day would deal with the business of Council.

1.2 Regrets:

As recorded

1.3 Opening comments
The Bishop officially announced the resignation of the Chancellor which will take place on 11 November 2007. The Bishop expressed his own appreciation and that of the Diocese for all the many hours of work the Chancellor had provided. Best wishes were offered to the Chancellor as he continues his work at the Provincial level.
The Bishop the announced the appointment of Mr. Clyde Spinney as our new Chancellor. The Bishop indicated Council is looking forward to working with the new Chancellor and offered him best wishes in this new position.
The Bishop called on the Dean to lead Council in Morning Prayer.

1.4 Correspondence
The Bishop called on the Secretary of Synod for correspondence.
1.4.1 Lambeth Palace
As directed by Synod in June 2007, the Secretary of Synod forwarded a copy of Resolution 129-12 Marriage and Sexuality to the Archbishop of Canterbury. An acknowledgment of receipt with thanks was received from Lambeth Palace.

1.5 The Agenda: modification requests

MOTION 1: V. Hodge/R. LeBlanc - **That the agenda be accepted as circulated.**
MOTION 1: Carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: 28 June 2007
2.1 Modifications and acceptance

MOTION 2: J. Lownds/P. Drummond **- That the minutes of the 28 June 2007 meeting of Diocesan Council be accepted as circulated.**
MOTION 2: Carried unanimously.

2.2 From past minutes
The Secretary of Synod offered the following updates:
2.2.1 Code of Pastoral Conduct (tabled October 2006)
- the Dean is encouraged with the work which is continuing
2.2.2 Shared Ministry Plan Implementation and Oversight
- to be reviewed this afternoon
2.2.3 Fractured relationship mediation
- some difficulty in acquiring facilitators
2.2.4 Rothesay Netherwood School Act and governance review
- ongoing; small group working on the definition of Bishop as Visitor
2.2.5 Retired Clergy benefits - Consultation with retired clergy
- meeting is scheduled for 02 October at St Paul's Church in Hampton with HRC proposals
2.2.6 Fair Share Contribution
- pending as a result of the 129th Diocesan Synod
2.2.7 Budgeting Process
- brief report this afternoon
2.2.8 Elections (ineligibility of Barbara Landry)
- she is not a member of Synod. A motion is on the agenda
2.2.9 St. Paul and St. James Memorials of dissolution
- memorials in the process of being drafted.

A question was raised regarding the Human Resources Committee (now a standing committee) and its membership. Should these be elections by Council? No answer was imminent.

2.3 Items from Synod 2007 (renumbered from agenda)

The Secretary of Synod noted the following are motions of Synod which will need attention:

2.3.1	Resolution 129-12: Marriage and Sexuality	- pending
2.3.2	Fair Share Contribution	- pending
2.3.3	Water as a right: Clean Water Programs	- pending
2.3.4	Communications Committee	- pending
2.3.5	Stem Cell Research	- pending
2.3.6	Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force	- pending

3. Reports

3.1 Council Team reports:

3.1.1 Parish Support and Development

P. Drummond presented the meeting circulated report. From the Report came the following motion:

MOTION 3: P.Drummond/H. Mackenzie. **In the interests of clarity the Parish Support and Development Team recommends that clear and complete information about the process of applying for approval from the Diocese for capital works projects or renovation projects be produced by the Administration Team and disseminated to all interested parties.**
MOTION 3: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 4: P. Drummond / V. Hodge - **That the Parish Support and Development Team Report be accepted as circulated.**
MOTION 4: Carried unanimously.

3.1.2 Spiritual Development Team

R. McConnell presented the report as attached to the pre-meeting package.

MOTION 5: R. McConnell/K. Joyce - **That the Spiritual Formation Team Report be accepted as circulated.**
MOTION 5: Carried unanimously.

4. Business

4.1 Appointments (Nomination Committee)

MOTION 6: S. Allan / V. Hodge. **That Diocesan Council appoint Mr. Julian Dickson, Q.C. to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.**
MOTION 6: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 7: S. Allan / V. Hodge. **That Diocesan Council appoint Ms. Martha Jo Hoyt (Parish of Fredericton) as member of the Council (at-large).**
MOTION 7: Carried unanimously.

4.2 Camp Brookwood

MOTION 8: D. Painter / W. Williams. **That Diocesan Council request the Bishop appoint a task force to investigate and recommend a vision and action plan for programme and facility management of Camp Brookwood with a report to be made to Diocesan Council at or before the January 12th meeting 2008.**

Discussion: It was noted that 6 lay resignations were received at the last board meeting. Consultations with affected parties show the camp needs help in the form of consultation. There is a perception that Camp Brookwood is a deanery camp rather than a diocesan one. The Camp offers a strong ministry to young people and strives to never turn anyone away. Last year, only

11 campers out of 91 paid their own fees. Camp Brookwood needs a vision and an understanding of why it exists. In addition to this, there are also major issues of health and safety.

MOTION 8: Carried unanimously.

4.3 Synod Items Requiring attention

4.3.1 Resolution 129-12: Marriage and Sexuality
MOTION 9: V. Hodge/D. Edwards. **That this item be referred to the Spiritual Development Team.**
MOTION 9: Carried unanimously

4.3.2 Fair Share Contribution
MOTION 10: G. McConaghy/D. Edwards. **That this item be referred to the Administration Team.**
MOTION 10: Carried unanimously with the understanding that the Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force may have an impact on the Fair Share Contribution work.

4.3.3 Water as a right: Promotion of Clean Water Programs
MOTION 11: K. Osbourne / H. Mackenzie. **That this item be referred to the Mission and Outreach Team.**
MOTION 11: Carried unanimously.

4.3.4 Communications Committee
MOTION 12: P. Drummond / F. McNulty. **That this item be referred to the Administration Team.**
MOTION 12: Carried unanimously

4.3.5 Stem Cell Research
MOTION 13: K. Joyce / W. Chilton. **That this item be referred to the Episcopal Team**.
MOTION 13: Carried unanimously

4.3.6 Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force
MOTION 14: P. Drummond/D. Painter - **That this item be referred to the Parish Support and Development Team**.
MOTION 14: Carried unanimously

4.4 Stipend and Allowances

MOTION 15: J. Lownds / C. Waldschutz. **That 2008 Clergy Stipend Minimum Scale and Allowances be as follows:**

- **each step on the Clergy Minimum Stipend Scale be increased by 2.25%**
- **Travel and Car Replacement Allowances remain at their current levels($4200 each)**
- **the Parish Travel Pool Assessment (normally $250 per year) be waived.**

MOTION 15: Carried with 1 member opposed.

4.5 Future Meeting Schedule
MOTION 16: R. McConnell / D. Painter. **That the location of the meeting 07 November 2007 be Fredericton AND the 17 May 2008 meeting of Diocesan Council be rescheduled to 31 May 2008.**
MOTION 16: Carried unanimously.

MOTION 17: K. Joyce / V. Hodge. **That the 12 January 2008 meeting change its location from Sussex to Doaktown.**
Discussion: Toward attention to distribution of meetings around the Diocese.

MOTION 17: Carried unanimously.

4.6 Announcements

4.6.1 Meeting of Dean, Archdeacons and Regional Deans - 20 September 2007

The Bishop noted this meeting would take place in Doaktown.

5. Adjournment

MOTION 18: D. Edwards moved adjournment

Next Meetings:

Wednesday	07 November 2007	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Fredericton
Saturday	12 January 2008	9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Doaktown
Wednesday	12 March 2008	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Saint John
Saturday	31 May 2008	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Bristol (Camp Brookwood)

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Leo Martin
Recording Secretary

The Venerable Geoffrey Hall
Secretary of Synod

The Right Reverend Claude Miller
Bishop of Fredericton

26 September 2007

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Report of Electronic Election of Members to Finance Committee

11 -18 October 2007

Message by e-mail to Diocesan Council, 11 October 2007

To voting members - Election of Finance Committee Members.
With one resignation in September and a remaining vacancy after 28 June 2007 elections, the Finance Committee is in need of two additional members. The Nominating Committee has put forward two names: Gerald McConaghy (Parish of Rothesay) and Martha Jo Hoyt (Parish of Fredericton). Both have agreed to allow their name to stand, attended and were granted privileges of the meeting of Finance on 02 October; one of these individuals is prepared to allow their name to stand also for a nomination by the Committee to the chair. The request of the Finance Committee and our Bishop is that we elect these two individuals by electronic vote ASAP. It is necessary to call for further nominations before the question. Submit further nominations to the Nominating Committee by 9:00 a.m. Monday, 15 October 2007. An e-mail message calling for the vote should follow that day.

No further nominations were received.

Message by e-mail to Diocesan Council, 15 October 2007

Election of Finance Committee members.
Following the call for further nominations of which there were none, on behalf of the Chair of Diocesan Council I request your vote on the following motion:

> ***That this Diocesan Council elect by acclamation Martha Jo Hoyt and Gerald McConaghy to membership on the Diocesan Finance Committee.***

Your vote: "In favour" "Opposed" or "Abstain" by reply by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 17 November 2007 please. Results will be reported following the deadline. A majority of votes in favour (16 of 31) will be required.

Outcome

23 In favour – 00 Opposed – 02 Abstentions – 06 No reply

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Hall, Secretary of the Synod
18 October 2007

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Meeting of the Executive Committee Adopted 07 November 2007

Diocese of Fredericton
24 September 2007

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called by Bishop Claude Miller for the purpose of responding to an appeal by the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John for support pertaining to the impending parish decision regarding signing the building contract for the Church of the Resurrection, Grand Bay-Westfield.

Present: Stuart Allan;; Patricia Drummond; David Edwards; Charles Ferris; Geoffrey Hall; Claude Miller; Keith Osborne; Ted Quann; Fred Scott; Christopher Waldschutz; Walter Williams.
Guest: Vicars Hodge (4:15-4:32 p.m.)

The Bishop called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. at the Synod Office and lead opening prayer.

The Bishop opened with a brief description of the issue at hand. The Parish of the Nerepis and St. John must make a decision on signing a contract for the diocesan approved building project in the midst of the reality of an anticipated $300,000 shortage of financing. The Bishop invited Archdeacon Hodge to join the meeting.

Archdeacon Hodge offered a brief history of the project beginning with discussions in the year 2000. The summary provided (and attached to these minutes) included Sources of Revenue and an outline of how the funds were to be used. Costs of even a reduced version of the plan find the parish short of financing when compared to the lowest tender (Flood Construction). The request of the Parish is "assistance with the project in the form of $300,000 in the form of grants, loans or loan guarantees." The Parish needs to know, prior to signing the construction contract, that they will be able to meet their obligations. The Archdeacon left the meeting.

Discussion and clarification followed.
[For the Nerepis and St. John Building Project the Diocese is currently committed to:

1. Guarantee of a bank loan of $500,000 ($350,000 + 150,000 short term bridge)
2. Guarantee of $100,000 Anglican Foundation loan
3. Loan of $350,000 from DCIF.

Total: $950,000]
There was clarification for members regarding other current commitments and loan guarantees (Parish of St. George, Camp Medley). Roles and authorities of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee were discussed. It was determined that the Executive Committee has the authority to make a decision such as this in the case of an emergency. The Bishop has deemed the request and this support of the Parish "an emergency."

Several perspectives were shared and discussed.

> **MOTION 1: P. Drummond / D. Edwards. That based on the information provided, this Executive Committee authorize an additional $300,000 loan guarantee by the Diocese for the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John.**

On the discussion, it was suggested the motion could give direction about future reporting and regular communication of the Parish with the Finance and Property Committees. It was decided this could be another motion. When put to the vote,

> **MOTION 1 was carried unanimously.**

> **MOTION 2: W. Williams / S. Allan. That we direct the Finance Committee to maintain frequent and regular contact with the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John during construction. The Finance Committee will work with the Parish and other parishes to broker partnerships.**

When the question was called,

> **MOTION 2 carried unanimously.**

The issue of the need to communicate these actions with uniformity and accuracy was discussed.

> **MOTION 3: C. Ferris / C. Waldschutz. That this Executive Committee request the Chair work with the Diocesan Communications Officer and others to create the appropriate and accurate statements of public explanation for these decisions.**

The vote was called,

> **MOTION 3 was carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Bishop at 6:04 p.m. Decisions were shared with Archdeacon Hodge following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Hall, Secretary of the Synod

Bishop Claude W. Miller, Chair

01 October 2007