



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

23 June 2009

Christ Church (Parish) Church, Parish of Fredericton

Pre-meeting circulation (electronically):

- Agenda 23 June 2009
- Draft Minutes (13 May 2009)
- 130th Synod Resolutions

In Meeting circulation

- Election Ballot

Attending: David Barrett, William Chilton, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Eric Haddad, Geoffrey Hall, Martha Jo Hoyt, Robert LeBlanc, Leo Martin, Gerald McConaghy, Richard McConnell, Claude Miller, Ted Quann, Fred Scott, Clyde Spinney, Kevin Stockall, Gordon Thompson, Michael Tower, Walter Williams.

Guests: Julian Dickson.

Regrets: Keith Joyce, John Matheson, William MacMullin, Joan Randall .

Guest Regrets: George Porter.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Welcome

At the appointed time, the Right Reverend Claude Miller, Bishop of Fredericton, called the meeting to order with welcome and prayer.

1.2 Appointment of Recording Secretary

Motion 1: D. Barrett / P. Drummond

That the Rev'd Leo Martin be appointed Recording Secretary for the current term of Diocesan Council.

Motion 1: Carried unanimously.

1.3 Regrets

As listed.

1.4 Agenda

Motion 2: R. LeBlanc / T. Quann

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion 2: Carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 Corrections and adoption - 13 May 2009

The following corrections were noted:

- Section 2, item 2.1, Motion 2: 04 November 2008 should read 18 March 2009.

- Section 4, item 4.3, Motion 6: the word 'be' should be replaced with 'being'.

Motion 3: G. Thompson / C. Spinney

That the minutes of the 13 May 2009 meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted as corrected.

Motion 3: Carried unanimously.

3. Reports

3.1 Nominating Committee Report

Julian Dickson presented the Nominating Committee Report by section.

Diocesan Council (Three lay and one youth)

The following people were nominated:

Brian Hudson

Ann Fairweather

Anna Caines

Emily Jacobs (youth)

Motion 4: G. McConaghy / W. Chilton

That nominations for Diocesan Council (at-large) cease.

Motion 4: Carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair of Council

The Vice-Chancellor reported a person is presently being considered by the Nominating Committee. No other nominations came from Council members.

Executive Committee (at least six clergy and six lay)

The Chancellor explained this committee acts as the Council in between meetings of the Diocesan Council. The following nominations were made:

Clergy:

Geoffrey Hall, secretary

Walter Williams

David Edwards

Patricia Drummond

Vicars Hodge

Robert LeBlanc

Lay:

Fred Scott, treasurer

Clyde Spinney, Chancellor

Vice-Chair of Council (to be appointed)

Finance Committee Chair (to be appointed)

Ted Quann

Martha Jo Hoyt

Motion 5: G. McConaghy / D. Barrett

That nominations for the Executive Committee cease.

Motion 5: Carried unanimously.

Constitution and Canons Committee

The Vice-Chancellor indicated the Nominations Committee was in the process of making contact with the existing members to see if they would remain on the committee.

Sexual Misconduct Committee (four members)

The following nominations were made:

Fred Nicholson

Bonita LeBlanc

Barbara Cooper

Walter Williams

Motion 6: G. McConaghy /M. Hoyt

That nominations to the Sexual Misconduct Committee cease.

Motion 6: Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee (six with four lay minimum)

The following nominations were made:

Gerald McConaghy

David Kierstead

Kelley Hall

Gilbert Carter

Martha Jo Hoyt

Tracey Cleary

Kevin Stockall

Eric Haddad

Motion 7: M. Tower / D. Edwards

That nominations to the Finance Committee cease.

Motion 7: Carried unanimously.

Since only six members (4 must be lay). Election required.

Kings College Board (two to be elected)

The following nominations were made:

Meg Edward

Avery McCordick

Motion 8: D. Barrett / M. Tower

That nominations to Kings College Board cease.

Motion 8: Carried unanimously.

Ecclesiastical Court Pool

The Vice-Chancellor indicated the Nominating Committee was in the process of making contact with the existing members to see if they would remain in the court pool.

Archives Committee

The following nominations were made:

Charles Ferris

Chris VanBuskirk

Lorna Williams

David Barrett

Arnold Godsoe

Mary Robinson

Geoffrey Hall

Motion 9: M. Tower / D. Edwards

That nominations to the Archives Committee cease.

Motion 9: Carried unanimously

Human Resources Committee

Motion 10: G. Thompson / G. Hall

That the Rev'd Canon Elaine Hamilton be appointed to the Human Resources Committee.

Motion 10: Carried unanimously.

It was noted there are still two vacancies on this committee.

4. Business

4.1 Elections

An election by ballot was held to decide the membership of the Finance Committee. Others appointed to serve by way of acclamation.

4.2 Resolutions of the 130th Synod

Council members were asked to refer to pages 9 to 11 of the pre-meeting circulation for a list of resolutions passed at the 130th session of Diocesan Council. The question on the agenda was "Are there resolutions requiring action of the Diocesan Council today?"

After much discussion, members felt work should begin, especially in response to the work done in the Archdeaconry sessions at Synod.

Motion 11: P. Drummond / C. Spinney

That the Sharing Ministry Task Group be asked to meet again before the next session of Diocesan Council to give some direction and recommendations as to the implementation of the resolutions of Synod.

Motion 11: Carried unanimously.

The Bishop indicated that members should still give some individual thought to the Resolutions and their implementation.

A further discussion was held on the resolution calling for an Evaluation of Structures and Processes.

Motion 12: G. McConaghy / W. Chilton

That a Steering Committee, composed of: Fred Scott, Brian Hudson, Eric Haddad, Gilbert Carter, Kevin Stockall, Gerald McConaghy and the Chancellor be formed to establish a mandate for the Task Group charged with the resolution of evaluating diocesan structures.

Motion 12: Carried unanimously.

4.3 September Development and Planning

Motion 13: R. McConnell / D. Barrett

That the Diocesan Council set a residential meeting (5:00 p.m. Friday 18 September to 4:00 p.m. 19 September 2009) for the purpose of development and planning and that the following members of the Council be appointed to work with the Bishop and Secretary to organize and build the agenda/schedule:

1. Patricia Drummond
2. Ann Fairweather
3. Clyde Spinney

with the intention of inviting Jim Morell, if available.

Motion 13: Carried unanimously.

4.4 Diocesan Council Teams

Members of Diocesan Council were asked to sign their name to one of the Council Teams.

4.5 Next Meetings

Fri/Sat 17-18 September 2009 CFB Gagetown
Saturday 07 November 2009 Woodstock

Suggestion that the winter meetings be held in Fredericton.

Wednesday ?? January 2010 To be decided
Saturday ?? March 2010 To be decided
Wednesday ?? May 2010 To be decided

4.6 Announcements

4.6.1 Stewardship Conference 16 and 17 October 2009, Sussex with Bishop Salmon
Bishop Salmon has confirmed his attendance. The clergy will be required to attend on Friday for a session with clergy only. On Saturday, clergy will be joined by 2 parish representatives with the suggestion that one of these should be a Synod delegate.

4.6.2 Clergy Day 16 September 2009
Further information on location and format to be announced.

4.6.3 Election Results
The results of the Finance Committee election were as follows:
Gerald McConaghy
David Kierstead
Kelley Hall
Gilbert Carter
Martha Jo Hoyt
Eric Haddad

Motion 14: W. Williams/ G. Hall
That the ballots be destroyed.
Motion 14: Carried unanimously

Comments

Gerald McConaghy mentioned the past Synod was very positive. As a result of this, he asked if something could be sent to all parishes promoting this positive Synod so people in the pews could be informed. After a brief discussion, the Bishop indicated he would see what he could do.

5. Adjournment

Motion 15: D. Edwards
That the meeting of Diocesan Council be adjourned.
Motion 15: Carried unanimously

The Bishop closed with prayer and blessing.

Time 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Leo Martin
Recording Secretary

The Venerable Geoffrey Hall
Secretary of Synod

The Right Reverend Claude Miller
Chair

19 September 2009