



Diocesan Council met on 24 September 2011 in the [Parish of the Chatham](#) with 20 members and three invited guests in attendance. [Minutes from the last meeting 04 June 2011](#) were adopted. Thanks to St. Mary's Church for their hospitality.

#### REPORTS

Reports from standing committees and council teams to Synod in advance of its [131<sup>st</sup> session](#) were recognized and several reports to the meeting of the Council were received:

Committees: Human Resources, Finance and Nominating.

Teams: Episcopal Ministries, Stewardship and Youth Ministries.

Informal reporting from Camp Medley (Liz Harding).

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Finance Committee Chair G. McConaghy lead a consideration of a report - "Concerns in Building the 2012 Shared Ministry Budget."
- The Council received a presentation about [NB Anglican Cursillo](#) (G. Thompson and C. Spinney) informing the Council of the current status and work of the NB Anglican movement and requesting the Council's continued prayer and support for this ministry of Christian renewal.

#### BUSINESS

Motions were carried on the following:

**1. Stipend Review Task Force Roles and Responsibilities**  
[Roles and Responsibilities](#) were adopted in accordance with the 04 June request by the Council for a thorough task force review of clergy stipends. Membership to be appointed.

**2. Kings College Board of Governors**

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Council ratified appointments of the Rev'd Canon Kevin Stockall (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Dr. Avery McCordick (2<sup>nd</sup> term) to the Board of Kings College, Halifax.

#### 3. Review of Retiree Clergy Health Benefits Plan

The Council directed the establishment of a committee to review retiree clergy health benefits composed of representatives from the Finance and Human resources Committees.

At the departure of several members at about 2:00 p.m. the Council lost its quorum of membership.

#### OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

##### 1. General Synod Motions for 2013

At the request of the General Secretary, the Council gave consideration to several motions requiring second reading at the up-coming meeting of the General Synod in 2013.

##### 2. Synod Agenda Overview

There was a review of a tentative agenda for the 131<sup>st</sup> Synod as outlined in the [131<sup>st</sup> Synod Convening Circular \(Section A\)](#).

##### 3. End of Term Reflections

The Council spent some time considering comments on the work of the last two years at the end of this Council term. Issues and challenges regarding communication seemed to be among the most prevalent in the discussion. There was support expressed for an orientation be held for the new Diocesan Council following the October Synod. P. Drummond agreed to work with the Bishop's office to move initial planning forward. Our Bishop offered thanks to those members of the Council who knew they will not be returning to a new Diocesan Council.

##### 4. Other News

News was received on various items:

- Saint John Youth House project is progressing
- Council guest Dick Black was married last week
- Acknowledgment and excitement about the announcement of the new Parish Development Officer (Archdeacon Edwards)

#### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 19 November 2011 (Sussex)

GMH, Secretary of Synod  
24 September 2011