

Diocese of Rupert's Land
Diocesan Council

MINUTES

November 8, 2014
St. Andrew, Woodhaven

Present = Y Regrets = R Absent = A (*) = *ex officio* (a) = *appointed*

Y	Bardsley, The Ven. James*	Y	Norman, Mrs. Patricia
Y	Blanchard, The Rev. Jonathan	R	Pawling, Mr. Gordon*
Y	Braid, Mr. E. Arthur*	Y	Phillips, The Rt. Rev. Donald*
Y	Bruce, The Rev. Michael	Y	Relf, Mrs. Donna Lee
R	Clarke, Ms Margaret* (Sec. of Synod)	Y	Silk, Mr. Ian
Y	Dugan, The Ven. James*	R	Sisson, The Ven. Jennifer*
Y	Elliott, The Rev. Dr. Brad	Y	Slipetz, Ms Willie
Y	Fortier, Ms Roselyn	Y	Solomon, The Rev. Vince
Y	Hunter, The Rev. Deacon Helen	Y	Thagard, Mr. Dan
R	Ingram, Mrs. Barbara	Y	Trott, Dr. Christopher* (Warden St. John's College)
Y	Jackson, Mr. Gary	Y	Webster, Ms Tannis
R	James, Dr. June	Y	Wedlake, Mr. Bob*(incoming Secretary of Synod)
Y	Ives-Lewis, Mrs. Diane	Y	Whitmore, The Rev. Judith
Y	Johnson, The Very Rev. Paul*		
Y	Kennedy, The Rev. Helen		
Y	Kennedy, The Rev. Dick		
Y	Lysecki, The Rev. Mary		Staff:
Y	MacDonald, The Rev. Deacon Lynn	Y	Funk, Mrs. Bernice – Director of Finance
Y	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey*	Y	Suppes, Mrs. Susan - Secretary

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer followed by a special welcome to all first time and returning members. By show of hands about one-third are new members. Worship at meetings the form of a simple service with gospel based discipleship in an abbreviated form. Jonathan Blanchard, Incumbent of the host parish, led the worship.

Sharing by Members:

Members were asked to prepare for this meeting by responding [in 1 minute or less] to the following: their name, parish, new or returning member, and their interests and skills.

Housekeeping matters:

The secretary circulated a member contact list asking members to ensure their information is correct. She explained how and when notices of meeting are sent. Members who do not work electronically can request a printed packet of material to be brought to the meeting for them. Members are expected to read the material **prior to** the meeting and to advise of regrets when they are unable to attend a meeting. Travel expenses will be reimbursed. Members may donate these funds back to the diocese and receive a charitable, but are not obligated to do this. The meeting schedule will be discussed later in the meeting.

Council works on the "assumption of good will". Members are encouraged to speak to a person at a break or after the meeting if they are confused, perplexed or offended by a comment they think they heard. Don't go away hurt or confused. Value is placed on working together effectively and faithfully and walking together even with diverse opinions. Members are encouraged to share the work of the

Council with their parish, and deanery region. "Key messages" are made available which members may find as a helpful way of informing others. These go out to all lay delegates and can be shared at vestries. Key Messages are also on the diocesan website. Council members get the minutes for their own files. This are posted on the website, but Executive Committee minutes are not.

Council is not simply a body that rubber stamps items. Sometimes it is confirming work that has been done at a different level. Council is a policy and direction-setting body, while the Executive Committee is responsible for carrying out some of these policies. Council will establish policy and Executive will manage the day to day.

The Council meets approximately five times a year. Notification of items for consideration by Council should be given to Susan at the diocesan office. Normally these items first appear on the Executive's agenda to ensure the matter is in a form that Council can work with and can it process.

Meeting schedule:

Normally Council will meet on a Saturday in the poor weather times and Tuesday evenings (with supper) in better months. A draft meeting schedule was discussed, and the meetings were set as follows:

Diocesan Council Meetings:

- **Saturday, January 17, 2015 - place tba 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**
- **Saturday, March 21, 2015 – place tba 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**
- **Saturday May 30, 2015 – St. Alban, Kenora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- **Tues, Sept 22, 2015 (dinner meeting) - place tba**

Minutes of Diocesan Council of September 23, 2014

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting of September 23, 2014 be adopted.

H. Kennedy/R. Fortier

Carried.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of October 9, 2014

MOTION: THAT the minutes of October 9, 2014 be received.

P. Johnson/J. Bardsley

Carried.

Council Appointees:

The Constitution allows for the appointment of up to six persons who fit criteria noted. The Bishop circulated a proposal for a new diocesan body to be called "Rural and Town Ministry Network" and has approached a person to serve as its coordinator. The purpose of the coordinator for this network is to be a point person so that small town and rural churches can inform the wider vision of the diocese.

MOTION: That Diocesan Council create a Rural and Small Town Ministry Network, and that the Bishop be authorized to appoint a Coordinator whose first work will be to develop the terms of reference for submission to Council; and that the person so appointed as Coordinator be appointed as a member of Diocesan Council under section 9.02 c of the Constitution.

Carried.

Other appointees in recent years have been representatives of the Chair of the Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle (RLIC). The Leadership of RLIC is in transition at this point, so it would be wise to wait to make an appointment until after the leadership has been solidified. Another appointee has been the Chair of the Companion Diocese Committee. Members felt confident in making this appointment at this time.

MOTION: THAT the Chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, Mr. Sean Carlson, be appointed
P. Johnson / as a member of Diocesan Council under section 9.02 c of the Constitution.
J. Bardsley
Carried.

Others for consideration at a later date could be the Chair of the Diocesan PWRDF Committee, someone who can champion mental health concerns; someone who could liaise with those in “missional church” leadership, representatives from the Asian Pakistani community and Sudanese community.

Election of the Executive Committee:

Three clergy and three laity are to be elected to the Executive Committee. Nominations for laity were opened. Nominated were: Dan Thagard, Gary Jackson, June James, Pat Norman and Tanis Webster.

MOTION: THAT nominations close.
R. Kennedy/P. Norman
Carried.

An election by ballot was held resulting as follows: **Dan Thagard and Gary Jackson** were elected. A tie between June James and Pat Norman require another ballot, which resulted in the election of **Pat Norman** as the third lay person on the Executive Committee.

Nominations for Clergy were opened. Nominated were: Helen Kennedy, Jonathan Blanchard, Deacon Lynn McDonald, Vince Solomon (who declined), and Michael Bruce.

MOTION: THAT Nominations close.
D. Thagard /R. Fortier
Carried.

An election by ballot was held resulting as follows: **Michael Bruce, Lynn McDonald, and Helen Kennedy** were elected.

Acts of the 112th Session of Synod:

A list of the Acts of Synod had been circulated. The Bishop advised that the acts of Synod would be presented to the Executive Committee in December, along with recommendations from the Secretary of Synod as how best to dispatch these resolutions. Recommendations would be coming to the Diocesan Council for consideration at its January meeting.

MOTION: THAT the Acts of the 112th session of Synod be received.
Maweje/D. Thagard
Carried.

Request from St. Andrew, St. Andrew

A request has been received from the Parish of St. Andrew, St. Andrew. (This would normally come from the Executive Committee, but since the new committee has just been elected, it has come here.) The Parish is asking for permission to draw \$13,445.87 from funds held by the Diocese in Trust for the Parish of St. Andrew, St. Andrews to replace existing furnaces at St. Andrews Church.

The Director of Finance advised the initial balance of the funds held in trust was \$66,927. A previous distribution of \$7,119 was made to purchase of acrylic window coverings, leaving a balance of approx. \$59,000 in the account.

MOTION: THAT St. Andrews. St. Andrews be authorized to draw \$13,445.87 from the Trust funds
W. Slipetz/ on account with the Diocese for replacement of two furnaces.
L. MacDonald
Carried.

Trust Funds held for the benefit of the parishes formerly from the Southern Region Diocese of Keewatin
The Diocese holds in trust funds which are now available for Parishes of Kenora – St. Alban
Archdeaconry. \$277,000 has been received and these funds are being held in trust for use in this area.
The terms of use for these funds now needs to be established. Archdeacon Jim Dugan and Rev. Jeanne
Bryan had drafted the initial terms of the trust. They will now work with the Diocesan Treasurer and
Archdeacon Jennifer Sisson to develop these further.

MOTION: THAT Jeanne Bryan, James Dugan, Jennifer Sisson and Gordon Pawling be appointed to
A. Braid/ develop the Terms of Reference of the “Mission and Ministry Fund” of the Archdeaconry
P. Johnson of Kenora – St. Alban for consideration at the January 2015 meeting of the Diocesan
Council.
Carried.

Other Business:

The Rev. Helen Kennedy reported that Rupert’s Land funded six persons to the CLAY (Canadian Lutheran
Anglican Youth) gathering. She received photos of three of the girls and a note thanking the Diocese for
paying for them to attend CLAY. Mary Lysecki noted that three boys from St. Mary Magdalene also
attended. They met many other teens who were passionate about their Christian faith. Special thanks
to those who promoted this.

The Bishop advised that all synod resolutions will be discussed at the next meeting and at some point
next spring we will receive a Report of the Theological Education Commission on St. John’s College.

Anti-Racism “Train the Trainers” event:

The Diocese also sent three persons to an Anti-racism conference (train the trainers) in November and
these folks will come back with responsibility to education and train people in this area.

The Bishop indicated he will travel to Durham to defend his thesis on Dec 16. Please uphold him in
prayer.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Dr. Chris Trott.

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14/11/14