

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Bishop Michael Oulton, Alex Pierson, Charles Morris, Anne Patterson, Don Davidson, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Wayne Varley, Viren Oogarah, Heather Grimshaw, Doug Cowley, Michael Rice, Al Danford, Valerie Kelly, Voila David, Nancy Beale. No quorum.

Regrets: Doug Green, Don Bailey, Sharon Dunlop, Audrey Doliszny, Brenda Hobbs, Michael Read, Roy Conacher

Guests: Cheryl Green-Betts, Peter Gower, Pauline Kuhlman and Colleen McAlister.

Opening Devotions:

Valerie Kelly

Rev. Valerie opened with a reflection by Rev. John Kieran on St. Patrick and concluded with a blessing by John O'Donohue in recognition of St. Patrick's Day (March 17) and the Spring Equinox (Mar 20).

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Chair

-19 March – the Bishop attended the Key Ceremony at the Good Shepherd Church / Habitat for Humanity site; also present were local governmental representations and the national rep of Habitat for Humanity. The de-consecration of Good Shepherd Church is Sunday, 8 April at 3pm. The new ministry building construction will begin thereafter with a June completion date.

-Vocations Day was held at the Diocesan Office on Saturday, 18 March with 3 candidates/people in attendance; thanks to Training & Development Committee for organizing this

-Primate, Fred Hiltz, will be visiting the Diocese during Holy Week; an outline of schedule was noted and is available on the weekly Diocesan e-news

- April 18 at 7pm the mission of St. Paul will be de-consecrated; it is a mission of St. Thomas (Belleville)

- April 22 has been designated "Homelessness Sunday" to focus on the issue of homelessness and has been identified as a priority area for action by the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

- Heather Grimshaw will be retiring from The Cathedral of St. George on 30 March 2018 after 12 years as Administrative Assistant. A good-bye celebration will follow the 10:30am Sunday worship service on April 8 at The Cathedral. All are welcome.

Approval of Minutes – 27 February 2018

Chair

-deferred

Business Arising from the Minutes**Chair****St. George's Cathedral – Historic Site Designation****Peter Gower**

Peter Gower provided a brief history of St. George's Cathedral. The Cathedral plans to apply for Federal status as a National Historic Site, which received support from Synod Council.

Camp Hyanto – Update**Cheryl Green-Betts**

Cheryl noted that registrations (97) and pledges (24) have now surpassed the 100 number for registrants in order to continue. In terms of risk assessment, it is too early in the year to know about property. Offers of positions will be secured as the required Gates are met. A hand-out package was supplied to each member of Synod Council. Gratitude was expressed for the immense amount of work and diligence by the Camp Hyanto team.

Ministry & Program Update**Wayne Varley**

Wayne provided the following up-date:

- Fresh Start – is under review; other dioceses are being consulted as to their programming
- Screening-in-Faith – the title is being changed "Safe Church." Archdeacon Nancy MacLeod has borrowed "Safe Place" from the Diocese of Toronto to use in Leeds Grenville. There is a line item in the budget for the coordinator's position however at this point in time Wayne will serve as the contact person
- DOORS – Mimi Merrill (Refugee Settlement Coordinator) – administratively superb, is serving the Committee well; process continues
- Wayne will support the parishes with upcoming visioning sessions
- Wayne supports the Bishop's support of clergy

Stewardship & Congregational Development Update**Doug Cowley/Wayne Varley**

Wayne expressed thanks to out-going Chair, Doug Cowley and announced that the Rev. Trish Miller will assume the Chair's position effective immediately. The structure and function of the Committee continues to adapt to changes as well as becoming more focused and diverse.

Covenant Celebration Team Update**Doug Green****Canons & Governance**

In the Chancellor's absence, Alex noted the most current revision of the Canons has been distributed and will be utilized at the consultation sessions [general consultation & Special Interest groups (SIGS)]. The goal of ratification of the Canons is set for the June Synod Council meeting. A process to review the Canons for the April meeting was discussed and agreed upon.

Synod Planning Update**Michael Read/Audrey Doliszny**

In Michael and Audrey's absence, Alex noted scrutineers for November's Synod have been chosen - Andrew Wilson and Doug Green. However, in light of a lack of quorum, ratification will take place at a future Synod Council meeting.

Worship Committee Update**Michael Read****Consent Agenda**

-None Identified

Other Business**April 2018 Meeting – Input on Agenda Items**

Meeting Evaluations

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm**Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY APRIL 24th 2018 6 pm**
(Dinner at 5:30)**Location: ST JOHN'S PRESCOTT****Devotions: Sharon Dunlop**

Bishop Michael Oulton

Rev. Valerie Kelly (Clerical Secretary)

Date