

**Diocese of Ontario
Synod Council
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – 6pm
Christ Church, Cataraqui**

Minutes

Present: Wayne Varley, Alex Pierson, Michael Oulton, Bill Clarke, Robin Jones, Anne Patterson, James Young, Viren Oogarah, Peter Cory, Garth Allen*, Katherine McLean*, Ada Clifton, Shane Mackay, Michael Read, Nancy Beale, Lynn Mitchell, Don Davidson, Joe Burnham, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw, Trish Miller, Pauline Eskerod, Maureen Butler

*on the “bridge”

Regrets: Don Bailey

Guests: Doug Cowley & Ed Deinstadt, St. Paul’s (Delta), Peter Case, Bob Wright (Marmora), Jennifer Fisher, partner at Wilkinson & Company LLP

Welcome

Chair

The Bishop read a letter from Bishop Dhiloraj Canagasabey of the Anglican Diocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka extending his thanks for the prayers and support the diocese has offered in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. An interfaith vigil will be held at the PeaceQuest tree in Kingston on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30pm.

Opening Devotions:

Ada Clifton

Ada led devotions by reading Ps 150, to praise God, followed by a reflection by a U.S. Presbyterian minister in the 1800s, and a prayer for peace.

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

-add an up-date on PAG in “Other Business”

Chair’s Remarks and Bishop’s Update

Chair

- The Bishop attended the grand opening of the charitable gift store in Napanee on April 6th
- Annual clergy retreat is April 28-30 with Bishop Susan Bell, Diocese of Niagara, who is a scholar on George Herbert and will be facilitating the retreat on Anglican identity & spirituality
- In May the Bishop and Lay Delegates to General Synod will be attending the Algoma Diocesan Synod
- Bishop Oulton announced the appointment of Rev. Valerie Kelly as incumbent to Christ Church (Gan) and Redeemer (Rockport) as of June 1st at 80% time with 20% time spent as the Coordinator of the Justice & Peace Commission
- Bishop Oulton announced the retirement of Deacon Kate Ann Folwell and thanked her for her ministry at Christ Church (Belleville) and appointed her as honorary assistant at St. Thomas (Belleville). Kate Ann has been in active diaconal ministry in the Diocese for the past seven years

- Ordination of AJ Cottreau who is currently a sponsored student of this Diocese. AJ has a military background and has been appointed to St. Lawrence (Brockville), commencing May 1st. Her ordination will be at St. Lawrence on Sunday, June 2nd
- At the last House of Bishops meeting, Bishop Oulton was nominated to serve as Primate along with four other bishops, allowing their names to stand for the July General Synod election. Bishop Oulton reported the Bishops gave a great send-off to Primate Fred Hiltz who faithfully served for the past 12 years.

Approval of Minutes – February 2019 Regular Meeting

Chair

MOTION:

BClarke/RJones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Minutes of 19 February 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Note: a correction to the spelling of the surname of Gloria Kostyk.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair

-none

Audit Committee

Peter Case

Following Diocesan Canon 26 – the Committee oversees the work of the independent auditor. Following various meetings with the Auditor and the Audit Committee itself: the Audit Committee agrees that the Financial Statements are fair and recommends approval by Synod Council. Peter noted that helpful recommendations were made by Wilkinson to the accounting process and confidently states that the audit was a positive process, with good communication, with appropriate and helpful suggestions going forward. Alex Pierson also noted that Wilkinson’s professional insights were appreciated; Alex then thanked the Audit Committee for their hard work and commitment.

Motion:

MRead/DDavidson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- 2018 Audited Financial Statements

Jennifer Fisher (Wilkinson)

Jennifer met with Audit Committee on April 9 and noted her appreciation for the input and feedback at that meeting. Jennifer then addressed the overall Audited Financial Statements as presented including: items needing financial corrections, the Church Bookroom, Camp Hyanto, and residual costs of the move of the Diocesan Office to Ontario St. Auditor’s Report: the Financial Statements present fairly. There were no questions for Jennifer. The Bishop expressed his gratitude in noting the diligence of all involved in making this presentation possible.

Presentation and Motion to Approve MOU (St Paul's Delta)**Doug Cowley**

Presentation with regards to the proposed *St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre* offering more background to the proposal. St. Paul's is deeply rooted in the Delta community. The desire is for the centre to be community-centered facility and, if it is not supported by the community, it will be closed. It is not seeking financial support from the Diocese. Doug noted the immense community support given as this concept has developed. Alex also shared there are many levels of community support. The Bishop thanked Doug and he received a round of applause.

MOTION:**TMiller/LMitchell****BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MOU be approved as presented.****CARRIED****Presentation from St Paul's, Marmora****Bob Wright**

St. Paul's received \$10,000 from the Anglican Foundation to repair and renovate the Church including making it accessible. The presentation, *From pilgrimage through flood to renewal*, was made. With broad community support the church was able to complete its work without any residual debt and was able to share remaining monies - \$1500 will be donated to St. Mark's, Bonarlow (sister church). The Bishop noted in appreciation the outreach, commitment and dedication of the parish, Canon Wright and the community. St. Paul's is hosting next month's Synod Council meeting when a plan for consideration for Synod Council will be made.

Church Bookroom (Going Forward)**DEO****MOTION:****MRead/NBeale****BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council be moved in-camera.****CARRIED****MOTION:****JYoung/JBurnham****BE IT RESOLVED THAT discussion move out of camera.****CARRIED****Stewardship Update****Trish Miller**

Noting the lateness of the evening, Trish offered to postpone up-dating until the May meeting.

Worship Committee Update**Michael Read**

-no report

Reconciliation Group Update**Michael Read**

-no report

Consent Agenda – St James, Kemptville – has dealt with the property

Other Business:**Up-date on PAG****Alex Pierson**

Considerable problems with the current PAG are necessitating change. An information session is being held **April 30th, at Christ Church (Cataraqui) at 2pm** or link-up via internet. The expectation is to move away from this current PAG process as quickly as possible.

May 2019 Meeting – Input on Agenda Items for the Regular Meeting**Meeting Evaluations -**

Adjournment & The Grace – moved by Bishop that we adjourn at 9:40pm. Robin Jones thanked Dean Don Davidson for leading a very interesting and engaging Lenten series, *Seeing the Passion through 1st Century eyes* in Westport.

Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY May 28, 2019 – 6pm; St. Paul's, Marmora

Devotions: Anne Patterson

Date

Bishop Michael Oulton

Rev. Valerie Kelly (Clerical Secretary)