



SPECIAL SYNOD COUNCIL
Tuesday 10 December 2024
St Mark's Barriefield and Online

Minutes

Present:

Dean Doug Michael, Chair, Greg Best, David Selzer, Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, Tony Ashworth, Barb Gilbert, Mary Haigh, Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Angela Kelman, Aveleigh Kyle, Jeff O'Hare, Susan Orgill, Michael Read, Cathy Seymour, Anne Striker, Susan Withers, Jane Kilpatrick (Honorary Lay Secretary), Margaret Johnston-Jones (Honorary Clerical Secretary)

Regrets: Bishop William Cliff, Brad Beale, Noel Henry, Elizabeth Matthews, Rebecca Michael, Robert Porter

1. Opening Devotions

David Selzer

A reading from today's BCP Morning Prayer first reading from Isaiah. Today is International Day of Human Rights declared in 1948 by United Nations. With all that is going on pray for peace. Hymn: "By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered" from Episcopal hymn book, words attributed to Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

2. Agenda Review and Adoption

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by: Cathy Seymour

Seconded by: Tony Ashworth

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Chair

Keep the Bishop in your prayers. Pray for healing and pray for patience.

4. Approval of Minutes 26 November 2024 Meeting

Chair

Moved by: Tony Ashworth

Second by: Anne Striker

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

6. Committee Updates:

7. Budget and budget decisions

DFO

Proposal of tasking action plan \$48,598

Motion 1: Be It Resolved that Synod Council approves the implementation of the following new fees effective Jan 1, 2025.

Payroll	1%
Pre-authorized giving	1%
DOORS Group Held funds	\$500 per fund (initial)

Moved by: Anne Striker

Seconded by: Tony Ashworth

CARRIED

Motion 2: Be It Resolved that Synod Council directs that the Delegate fee for Synod (Lay and Clerical) be set to recover the full costs of Synod.

Moved by: Tony Ashworth

Seconded by: Sandra Hounsell-Drover

CARRIED

Motion 3: Be It Resolved that Synod Council allocates that up to \$30,000 income from the Ministry Allocation Fund be used to support New Ministry Development Grants in 2025.

Moved by: Anne Striker

Seconded by: Susan Withers

CARRIED

Motion 4: Be It Resolved that Synod Council approves the Proposed 2025 Budget as presented.

Moved by: Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Seconded by: Cathy Seymour

Questions raised re: Beyond borders

ACC previously was \$400,000 this year \$140,000 budgeted for 2025 \$110,000

Primate Committee and COGS examining ACC structure, should there be three levels of governance?

Further discussion required with the Bishop present.

We are part of an episcopacy and are responsible for the episcopacy we are not congregational.

CARRIED

Motion 5: Ask Bishop to discuss with Synod Council in early 2025 re: National Synod.

Moved by: Mary Haigh

Seconded by: Tony Ashworth

CARRIED

HUB now providing insurance brokerage for 3 of the 7 dioceses (Ottawa, Ontario, Moosenee).

Motion 5: Be It Resolved that Synod Council directs that all Annual Vestry Meetings include presentation of the agreed Financial Information (Operating Income, Expenses, Deficit/Surplus and source/use of Deficit/Surplus).

Moved by: Anne Striker

Seconded by: Tony Ashworth

Parishes having difficulty finding volunteer to take on treasurer responsibilities.

According to Canon the treasurer must be a member of the congregation.

Need to face reality. Be proactive in 5-year plans.

Drive discussions re: stewardship.

Best future involves more cooperation, collaboration, sharing gifts and resources. Need to work through compliance issues re: wardens, treasurers.

Putting supports in place is a priority.

There are templates available from the diocesan office to assist treasurers and wardens in providing clear financial reporting.

CARRIED

Discussion in this and previous meetings has greatly assisted in financial planning.

8 Consent Agenda (no items identified)

9 Other Business

Chair

St. Mark's no longer available to host Synod Council as of 31 Dec. 2024. Many thanks to St. Mark's for hosting Synod Council.

St. Paul's at Queen and Montreal is agreeable to hosting future Synod Council meetings.

10 Online meeting evaluation

Chair

11 Adjournment and Grace

Led by Chair

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm: by Mary Haigh

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 28 January 2025, 6:00 pm
St. Paul's, Kingston and online

Devotions: Michael Read