

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2021 - Virtual meeting using ZOOM.US platform.

EX OFFICIO

Bishop-elect
Chancellor
Vice Chancellor
Dean and Diocesan Administrator
Registrar
Lay Secretary
Clerical Secretary
Treasurer

The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee
Bob Gill
Vacant
The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker
Nathan Lampard **R**
Canon Elaine Ellison
The Rev. Paul Schumacher
Barbara Underhill

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall
Don Wilson
Joan Hoffman
Ash Blair

The Venerable Clara Plamondon
Michael Wolff
Penny Holt

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet
The Rev. Patrick Sibley **R**
The Rev. Heather Cutten
Ed Norman

Walter Stewart
Lynn Schumacher
Denise Ropp

APPOINTED

Boyd Shaw

STAFF

The Ven. J. Barry Foster, Executive Officer
Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer
Brendon Neilson, Vision Animator

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Tony Davis
Kimme Russell
Stuart Hall

Welcome

Ansley Tucker, the diocesan administrator, opened the meeting at 10:01 AM and welcomed the members of diocesan council. The Dean thanked the members of council for joining in this virtual meeting on the ZOOM platform. She provided these comments:

The Dean welcomed Bishop-elect Anna Greenwood-Lee to this meeting of diocesan council. The Dean acknowledged this week as being an exciting time in the diocese. On Saturday, January 30th, the bishop-elect will be consecrated and installed as the fourteenth bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia.

The Dean informed council of the death of Canon Connie Isherwood, a past chancellor of the diocese. The Dean offered words of thanks for the ministry to the Diocese of British Columbia provided by Canon Isherwood, during her years as chancellor. "Canon Isherwood will be missed."

Barry Foster offered prayer.

The Dean then asked if there were any changes to the agenda: The Dean stated that the proposed changes to the Canons, and the 2021 Budget approval, are removed from the consent agenda for this meeting. These items will be part of the extended agenda for today's meeting of diocesan council.

Agenda and Consent Agenda

- a) Regrets for Absence - The clerical secretary noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting. There was one voting member absent, and no youth voting member(s) of council absent. The clerical secretary declared that there was a quorum present.
- b) Correspondence – The clerical secretary read an abridged version of the letter of resignation received by diocesan council from the Reverend Patrick Sibley. With regret, council accepted his resignation. Dean Ansley Tucker offered to write to Patrick, acknowledging his resignation and indicating council's acceptance of his resignation. Chancellor Bob Gill indicated that diocesan council is authorized to appoint a replacement under Canon Law.
- c) Consent agenda approval:
 - 1) Receive the Diocesan Council minutes for the meeting held on November 26, 2020.
 - 2) Motion: *THAT Diocesan Council name Brian White, P.Eng., a director of Christ Church Cathedral Buildings, Ltd.*

Finance Committee Items:

- 3) Receive the Finance Committee minutes for the meeting held on December 17, 2020, including:
 - a. Financial Statements and Reports as circulated.
 - b. To approve the Finance Committee recommendation to Diocesan Council permitting Trinity Port Alberni to withdraw \$15,134.89 from the parish's

consolidated trust Rectory Fund for window replacement and electrical and plumbing upgrades.

- c. Property Advisor's activity reports for November 2020.
- 4) Receive the Finance Committee minutes for the meeting held on January 21, 2021, including:
 - a. Financial Statements and Reports as circulated.
 - b. To approve the Finance Committee recommendation to Diocesan Council to approve giving the 2021 income earned from the Sheltered Housing Fund to the Threshold Housing Society.
 - c. Approve the Finance Committee recommendation to give general authority to the finance officer and the executive officer to apply for grants on behalf of the Diocese of British Columbia.
 - d. To approve the Finance Committee recommendation of revisions to the Diocesan Investment policy.
 - e. Property Advisor's activity reports for December 2020.

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That the consent agenda be approved as amended.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Canons Committee

Canons Committee Recommendations to diocesan council:

Changes to Canons to be presented at the 100th Regular Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That the following amendments be made to the Canons adopted by Council on September 26, 2019, and yet to be ratified by Synod:

Paragraph b. of Canon 1.4.3 be amended to read: The Nominations Committee will add to the list of candidates the name of any person not disqualified under Canon 1.4.3.c. for whom a written nomination has been received by the Nomination Committee no later than 20 days from the date of the summons referred to paragraph a. of Canon 1.4.2 above, provided the nomination has been supported by at least two lay members of Synod and two clerical members of Synod, and has been consented to in writing by the proposed candidate.

Paragraph f. of Canon 1.4.3 be amended by striking the word "nominate" and substituting the word "propose".

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Receive the Canons Committee minutes for December 3, 2020 and receive the Canons Committee minutes for January 14, 2021.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the proposed amendments to Canon 10 be adopted:

- *By striking the definition of "Order Cycle" in Section 2, and replacing it with:*
"Order Cycle" means the period of time from one installation to another, which is expected to be, but not restricted to, every 2 years.
- *By amending Clause (A) of Section 8 to provide that instruments of appointment to the Order shall be signed by the Secretary and Registrar of the Order, rather than by the Bishop, so that Section 8 shall read:*
A) Appointments to the Order shall be made by instrument signed by the Secretary and Registrar of the Order and sealed with the Seal of the Order.
- *By amending Section 12 to clarify that the second investiture service, if held at the Bishop's discretion, shall be held in a location in or north of Nanaimo, so that Section 12 shall read:*
 - *There shall be an investiture service at the conclusion of each Order Cycle at which the Bishop shall invest the new members of the Order or elevate a Member to the rank of Officer. At the Bishop's discretion there may be two (2) investiture services; one in Victoria and the other in a location in or north of Nanaimo.*
- *By adding to Section 13 a new Cause (D), reading:*
D) upon termination of membership in the Order, as noted in B) or C) above, the regalia of the Order shall be returned to the Bishop. In the case of A) above, the insignia may be retained by the family. Such retention does not grant permission for another to wear the insignia.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the proposed amendments to Regulation 10.1 be adopted:

- *By adding to Clause 4 of the terms for eligibility of both an Officer and a Member in Section b. the following:*
Death of a nominee after the nomination has been accepted by the Council and approved by the Bishop in accordance with Section 7 of Canon 10, but before the investiture of said person, shall not be considered posthumous.
- *By inserting the underlined words into Clause 2 of Section c:*
 2. *Once the window of time for nominations is open (expect it to be within the first two (2) months of a year in which an investiture is to occur) the appropriate nomination form is completed and signed then forwarded to the Bishop's office, attention The Secretary of the Order, by the date published for that current "Order cycle". (usually around April 30th)*
Note: Please ensure that the correct form is used for either Officer or Member as they are different. The form may be modified from Order cycle to Order cycle so make sure the current one is used.

- By adding a new Clause 3 to Section c, as follows:

3. *Given there are only 5 Officer Awards in any Order cycle, it is strongly suggested that you DO NOT advise your nominee that you have submitted their name to avoid disappointment. If the nomination is approved by the Bishop the Secretary contacts the individual to seek their approval to proceed.*

and by re-numbering the existing Clauses 3, 4 and 5 accordingly.

- By striking Clause 2 of Section d, and replacing it with the following:

The expectation is that there will be one investiture, usually on a Saturday in the fall, close to All Saints, at Christ Church Cathedral. However, the rules of the Order do allow for the Bishop to have two investitures, one at Christ Church Cathedral for the lower Island and another in a location in or north of Nanaimo.

- By striking Section g, "Wearing of the Medal", and replacing it with the following:

The Regalia

The regalia shall consist of three (3) parts:

- *The neck medallion is to be worn around the neck on the special ribbon it comes with. It is appropriate to wear the medallion at special occasions, in parishes, or at the Diocesan level. Examples of this would be a worship service or event where the Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia is present, at Synod or Diocesan Services & events and at the investiture of new Officers and Members to the Order.*
- *In addition to the medallion the members of the Order are given a small lapel pin that can be worn with everyday dress*
- *Letters Patent that attests to the individual's membership and rank in the Order; that is signed by the Secretary and Registrar and bears the seal of the Order*

The regalia is given for the exclusive use of the recipient and as such can neither be sold or given away without the express written permission of the Bishop and in upon termination in the Order must be dealt with in accordance with section 13. D of the constitution.

- By striking Section h, "Termination of Membership in the Order".

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Denise Ropp

That Regulation 6.8.01, paragraph c. (7) be amended by striking the words "belonging to" and substituting the words "under the stewardship of".

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2021 Diocesan Budget Approval

Finance officer, Gail Gauthier, gave a brief overview of the budget proposed for 2021 as recommended by finance committee. A brief period of questions followed.

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Ed Norman

That diocesan council approves the Diocesan Budget for 2021 as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Transforming Futures

Walter Stewart, co-chair of the Transforming Futures initiative, reported there has been a limited amount of activity. One parish has completed their project and transferred funds to the diocese. Two other parishes are in the process of listening for the Spirit to speak into their discernment of their project(s). Walter reminded diocesan council that he is available to assist parishes with development of their parish project(s) process.

Walter asked diocesan council to keep Transforming Futures on its agenda going forward as the strategy for reactivating the initiative is launched.

The Dean called for a ten-minute break.

Presentation from the Refugee Program

Tony Davis and Kimme Russell joined the meeting and presented a power point presentation about the work of the Refugee Sponsorship Program. A period for questions and answers followed. A summary of this discussion is recorded in a separate document for consideration by the bishop and the officers of the diocese.

Two proposed resolutions follow:

That the diocesan financial contribution to the refugee sponsorship program be reduced in 2022 by \$20,000.00 and by a further \$20,000.00 in 2023.

For information only, today. To be presented for consideration at the February 25, 2021 diocesan council meeting.

That diocesan council establishes the IRCC application allocation for 2021 at 112 with new applications being submitted only after at least 50% of current pending applications are completed by family or individual settlement.

For information only, today. To be presented for consideration at the February 25, 2021 diocesan council meeting.

Christ Church Cathedral School Educational Society

Resolution to Amend location re Learning Pavilions.

Stuart Hall, school principal, explained the need to amend the resolution placed before council at its November meeting. Changes to the location of the pavilions are being required by the City of Victoria and are supported by the project architects.

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff

SECONDED BY: Ash Blair

That Diocesan Council approve in principle a change in location of the learning pavilions proposed to be acquired by the Christ Church Cathedral Educational Society to the playground currently occupying the space between the south wall of the Memorial Hall and the north façade of the Deanery, with the remedial provision of lost play space, which would encroach upon 8 parking spaces at the south end of the Rockland parking lot.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Resolutions of the 98th Regular Synod held September 2018

This item was withdrawn from the agenda. It will be presented as part of the agenda for diocesan council, February 25, 2021.

Other Business –

- 1) Date for the 2021 Regular Synod

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Lynn Schumacher

That the 100th session of Synod be held entirely by electronic means, and that it be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 2) Next meeting date for Diocesan Council:
Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10 AM, on ZOOM platform.
- 3) Acknowledgement of Ansley Tucker, the diocesan administrator.

Walter Stewart asked council to offer its collective thanks for the leadership of Dean Ansley Tucker during this time of transition.

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That diocesan council offer thanks to Dean Ansley Tucker for her leadership as diocesan administrator during the past nine months.

Barry Foster, diocesan executive officer, expressed the appreciation of the diocesan staff for the Dean's wise, compassionate, gracious leadership during the past nine months.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Closing Reflection

The Dean thanked all in attendance for their commitment to the life of the diocese.
The Dean moved the conclusion of the meeting at 12:34PM.

The Bishop-elect blessed the members of diocesan council.

Next Scheduled Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 am by ZOOM