



**THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2024 – Church of the Advent, Colwood

EX OFFICIO

Bishop	The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee
Chancellor	Isabel Weeks
Dean	Vacant
Registrar	Michael Wolff
Lay Secretary	Susan Rand
Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Paul Schumacher
Treasurer	Joel Hefty

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Trish Vollman-Stock R	Laura Dey
The Rev. Juli Mallett R	Helen Love
The Rev. Marion Edmondson	Canon Ian Alexander R
The Rev. Heather Robinson	Elizabeth Murphy

APPOINTED

Timothy Ray **R**
The Venerable Craig Hiebert

STAFF

Brendon Neilson - Executive Director
The Venerable Eric Partridge - Executive Officer
Gillian Astbury-Heinke, Finance Officer

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Welcome

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and welcomed the members of Diocesan Council with an opening prayer.

#1 Agenda for this diocesan council meeting:

Bishop Anna indicated that the agenda remains as presented (Appendix 1)

#2 Regrets for Absence - The clerical secretary noted the regrets for absence from this meeting.

There were three voting member absent. The clerical secretary declared that there was a quorum present, with 12 voting members in attendance from a total of fifteen having a vote on council.

#3 Consent agenda approval (Appendix 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7)

1. The minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting. April 4, 2024 (Appendix 2.1), be approved as circulated (appendices attached to the April minutes).
2. Finance Committee E-vote April 24 minutes (Appendix 2.2)
3. Operations Committee April 29 minutes (Appendix 2.3)
4. Education Trust Board May 14 minutes (Appendix 2.4)
5. Finance Committee May 22 minutes (Appendix 2.5)
6. Operations Committee May 29 minutes (Appendix 2.6)
7. Finance Committee E-vote May 29 minutes (Appendix 2.7)

MOVED BY: Laura Dey

SECONDED BY: Isabel Weeks

That the consent agenda be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

#4 Discussion Paper on Proceeds of Sale (Appendix 3)

Brendon Neilson opened discussion with an analogy between sowing and reaping and the disbursement of the proceeds from the sale of diocesan property. Council broke into small groups and many opinions were offered on the proposed framework. Decisions may come to September's Diocesan Council meeting.

#5 Finance Update (Appendix 4.1, 4.2, 4.3)

The Bishop spoke of the goals of the finance department to create efficiencies including management of the consolidated trust funds. Gillian Astbury-Heinke and Joel Hefty presented updated year end information (Appendix 4.1) and first quarter figures(Appendix 4.2). Discussion ensued on the current transportation loan fund (Appendix 4.3) .

MOVED BY: Craig Hiebert

SECONDED BY: Marion Edmondson

That the transportation loan fund program be closed to new applicants.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Helen Love

SECONDED BY: Marion Edmondson

That the transportation loan fund be referred to the finance committee to consider proposing a program that could offer a credit facility to newcomers to Canada who are employees of the synod.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Helen Love

SECONDED BY: Isabel Weeks

That the current regulation for the transportation loan fund be rescinded.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Break 11:30**Re-convene 11:45****#6 Canons Committee** (Appendix 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6)

The Chancellor provided the final draft of the diocesan canons, constitution and regulations. For Synod in November, the draft and accompanying motions will be distributed in the convening circular on September 13 in good time for all regional gatherings preceding synod.

A period of discussion followed.

The Chancellor indicated that synod will not entertain motions to change the new canons but will invite suggestions to diocesan council on items to re-examine at upcoming meetings.

- Final Draft – Constitution, Canons and Regulations (Appendix 5.1)
- Memo to Council re: Canons (Appendix 5.2)
- Archdeacons (Appendix 5.3)
- Memo to Council re: Process at Synod (Appendix 5.4)
- Memo to Council re: HR working group (Appendix 5.5)

Executive officer Eric Partridge will provide the motions that will go into the convening circular

MOVED BY: Isabel Weeks

SECONDED BY: Helen Love

That this council approve the motions to be included in the convening circular for diocesan synod on November 1-2, 2024.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Eric Partridge introduced the Clergy Compensation Worksheet (Appendix 5.6) which is designed to reflect, in salary negotiations, the background, education, and work experience of clergy as well as the settings in which they are placed.

MOVED BY: Joel Hefty

SECONDED BY: Marion Edmondson

That the new Clergy Compensation scale be presented to diocesan synod November 1-2, 2024.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Lunch Break 1:05

Re-convene 1:45

#7 Synod 2024

The Bishop informed council that the guest speaker for synod will be the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Canon to the Ordinary from the Diocese of Edmonton, who will introduce us to the theme of synodality. Bishop Anna also spoke of upcoming elections to this council which will take place at the upcoming regional gatherings.

#8 Asset Management Committee

MOVED BY: Heather Robinson

SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

That diocesan council appoint Helen Love to the Asset Management Committee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

#9 Anglican Foundation Category C Grant

The Bishop spoke of the ministry happening in the north island with very limited resources.

MOVED BY: Helen Love

SECONDED BY: Marion Edmondson

That diocesan council support an application to the Anglican Foundation for a category C grant on behalf of Christ Church, Alert Bay.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

#7 Property

- Building for the Future Phase 2 reconciliation
- St Dunstan's, Gordon Head (Appendix 6.1) Request for Proposal
- St Peter Lakehill, no update
- Fanny Bay
- St Andrew's, Sidney (Appendix 6.2)

MOVED BY: Heather Robinson

SECONDED BY: Isabel Weeks

That diocesan council permit St Andrew's, Sidney to withdraw from their rectory trust the amount of \$15,606.66 plus GST to repair their roof.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

#8 Next Diocesan Council meeting –September 26, 2024 - In-person meeting at St Peter's Quamichan

#9 Other Business -

MOVED BY: Marion Edmondson

SECONDED BY: Helen Love

That the signing authorities for all bank accounts be the Bishop, Executive Officer, Executive Director, Dean, Treasurer and Chancellor, and that all others be removed as signers.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Closing

The Bishop thanked everyone in attendance for their commitment to the life of the Diocese.

The Bishop closed with the grace at 2:35 pm.

Next Scheduled Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 10:00 am, In-person meeting at St Peter, Quamichan