

Minutes – Diocesan Council
Saturday, September 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Charleswood

Present = P; Regrets = R; Absent = A

Ex-Officio = (*); Appointed = (a)

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| P | Abra, Dr. Allison (*Warden of St. John’s College) | R | MacDonald, The Rev. Deacon Lynn |
| P | Aitken, Mary | R | Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey (* Archdeacon) |
| P | Akinwale, The Rev. Wilson | R | Mawejje, June Rachel |
| P | Bellay, Vic (*Chancellor) | | McIntosh, The Rev. Wayne |
| P | Blaikie, The Ven. Simon (* Exec. Archdeacon) | P | Panting, The Rev. Deacon Diane |
| P | Bonnett, Elizabeth | P | Robinson, The Rev. Theo |
| P | Bowman, The Rev. Matthew | R | Roe-Finlay, The Rev. Deacon Susan |
| P | Brown, Eva | P | Russel, Canon Gary |
| P | Buxton, Debbie | P | Sherman, Dorian |
| P | Cummings, Lucy | R | Woodcroft, The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey (* Bishop) |
| | Dolloff, The Rev. John | | |
| | Dorrian, Colin | | <i>Staff and non-voting members</i> |
| R | Falconer, The Rev. Henry (Joshua) | P | Nixon, Melissa (Office Coordinator) |
| P | Kawka, Bill (* Treasurer) | P | Turnbull, Ryan (Discipleship Developer) |
| P | Laldin, The Ven. Karen (* Archdeacon) | P | Valencerina, Joy (Director of Finance) |
| | Larson, Barbara | P | Wedlake, Bob (* Secretary of Synod) |

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Opening Prayer, Regrets

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment, opening prayer and regrets read by S. Blaikie

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 21 September 2024 meeting of the Diocesan Council be adopted*

Moved by B. Larson, Seconded by W. Akinwale Carried

3. Approval of April Extraordinary Diocesan Council Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes for the extraordinary April 2024 meeting of the Diocesan Council be approved, with corrections of “we can brainstorm today” be added to the last sentence of section 1.*

Moved by _E. Brown, Seconded by _D. Sherman Carried

4. Approval of May Diocesan Council Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes for the May 2024 meeting of the Diocesan Council be approved with corrections to the final point in section 6, so it reads “G. Woodcroft directed everyone to check out the official statement on Holy Trinity on our Website.*

Moved by D. Sherman, Seconded by L. Cummings Carried

5. Approval of June Extraordinary Diocesan Council Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes for the extraordinary June 2024 meeting of the Diocesan Council be approved, with corrections to the title to include Extraordinary, as well as remove the second point under section 4. “When”*

Moved by T. Robinson, Seconded by K. Laldin Carried

6. Receipt of May Executive Committee Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes for the May 2024 meeting of the Executive Committee be received*

Moved by G. Russell, Seconded by B. Larson Carried

7. Jul 26 E-vote of DC nomination to Synod

Motion: Be it resolved that the results of the July 26 E-vote of the DC nominations to Synod be received
Moved by E. Brown, Seconded by T. Robinson Carried

8. July 26 E-vote of request of funding for Indigenous Peoples Restoration Fund

Motion: Be it resolved that the results of the July 26 E-vote for the funding requests for the Indigenous People's Restoration Fund be received
Moved by T. Robinson, Seconded by M. Bowman Carried

9. Request for funds from the Archdeaconry of Kenora – St. Alban

The Archdeaconry of Kenora – St. Alban generally meets in the fall, to discuss amongst themselves the request for funding from the parishes in the archdeaconry to forward to the Diocesan Council for disbursement. With the Archdeacon role currently vacant, the fall meeting has not happened. The request for funds was made for St. Luke, Dryden only and not the other parishes in the archdeaconry. S. Blaikie suggested we table this discussion and he will lead an archdeaconry meeting on zoom so they can make a joint request to council.

10. Finance Report

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Finance Report be received as presented.*
Moved by B. Kawka, Seconded by M. Aitken Carried

At the May diocesan council meeting we carried and tabled the below motions:

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council accepts Finance Committee recommendation that the rates for meals and lodging be based on the National Treasury Board rates. Lodging rates for 2024 - May and Jun \$178, Jul and Aug \$176, Sep, Oct, and Nov \$178, and Dec \$176.*

Meals - Breakfast \$24.90, Lunch \$25.20, Dinner \$61.85.

As the rates change year over year, the latest will be published on the website.

Moved by B. McGillivray, Seconded by E. L. MacDonald Carried

Motion: *Be it resolved that for per diem costs to be reimbursed, all receipts must be submitted and there must be a minimum 100-kilometer distance between start and end destination to be eligible*

Moved by D. Sherman, Seconded by T Robinson Tabled

Motion: *To table the above mentioned 100 km, and other stipulations motion and send it back to the appropriate committee, whether that is compensation or finance committee*

Moved by V. Bellay, Seconded by B. McGillivray Carried

-The Finance committee met again and per the direction of diocesan council, brought a new policy to Executive in June, which they are recommending here. The new proposed motion is as follows

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council approves the recommendation from Finance Committee that the current rate for meals and lodging be, based on the National Treasury Board's rate for Manitoba, the total of \$178 + \$24.90 + \$25.20 + \$61.85 = \$289.95 rounded to a maximum of \$290 per day provided that the distance between points A and B is 100 km minimum. Receipts must be provided to be reimbursed.*

Moved by G. Mawejje Seconded by B. Larson Defeated

-Council asked Finance to meet again and update the policy, once again, more in line with the treasury boards rates and processes.

11. Council Nomination to Synod

We received a regret from one of our Synod nominations, and another name has come forward.

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council nominates Mr. Mat Nicholson into the vacant Council synod delegate seat*

Moved by E. Brown, Seconded by G. Russell Carried

12. Receipt of Communication Working Group letter to Rupert's Land on Financial Status of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

- The initial mailing was sent out at the end of June and a few responses were received. Next week, on the Bishop's approval, we will be sending out a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document out to everyone. We are working with the synod planning committee to get more input at synod.
- This group will continue working on this project, whether or not they are all elected back onto council, as the members have a deep desire to help, and a great amount of knowledge and experience.

13. Member's Concerns

- Thanks were given to all the diocesan council members that will not be returning next session, we appreciate your work and dedication.
- Notice of upcoming events were shared from the emerging artist sale at St. Peter, Winnipeg to the lecture and service with the Archbishop of York, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

14. Adjournment – Moved by E. Brown at 11:47 am