

Minutes – Diocesan Council
Wednesday, May 29, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. on ZOOM

Present = P; Regrets = R; Absent = A

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

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

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Opening Prayer, Regrets

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment by G. Russell. Opening prayer and regrets read by G. Woodcroft

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 29 May 2024 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted*

Moved by T. Robinson, Seconded by D. Sherman

Carried

3. Receipt of March Executive Committee Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes for the 19 March 2024 meeting of the Executive Committee be received*

Moved by P. Johnson, Seconded by B. McGillivray

Carried

4. Approval of March Diocesan Council Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes for the 23 March 2024 meeting of the Diocesan Council be adopted*

Moved by T. Robinson, Seconded by E. Brown

Carried

5. Finance Report

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Finance Report be received as presented.*

Moved by E.L. MacDonald, Seconded by P. Lampman

Carried

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council tasks the Finance Committee to establish a working group, to review insurance coverage of parishes, the diocese, and cemeteries; with the aim to get a comprehensive list of buildings & properties (including cemeteries) and to make recommendations by the end of 2024 (as per Executive's recommendation).*

Moved by E. Brown, Seconded by M. Aitken **Carried**

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. McGillvary, Seconded by E. L. MacDonald **Carried**

- This change will have an affect on the budget for Synod 2024, in regards to meals and lodging.
- Discussion on whether the room amount was high enough for all locations within the diocese. Also discussed if using leftover money for food towards a costly room.

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 .

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. McGillvery **Carried**

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council approves the Investment Committees recommendation that the income distribution for 2024 be increased from 4% to 5%*

Moved by D. Sherman, Seconded by B. Larson **Carried**

6. Member's Concerns

- G. Woodcroft shared his experience of the Provincial Synod that he, and other members of council recently went to. G. Woodcroft said it was friendly, clear, with a spirit of good will throughout. They used a consensus model on the name change.

- G. Woodcroft shared the hardship that insurance is placing on many parishes. How one parish's insurance premiums almost doubled in one year. They are looking at many options in lowering costs, specifically not insuring the building to bring it back to original state but a more modern, less extravagant building

G. Woodcroft has told parishes that they are not allowed to reduce their liability around buildings, properties but as well as professional and vocational liabilities. We hear the diocese as they keep telling us that rising insurance costs are nearly pushing us out of our buildings.

- Discussion regarding the news stories around Holy Trinity Winnipeg and the future of the parish. G. Woodcroft directed everyone to

7. Adjournment – Moved by E. Brown at 7:09pm