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Executive of Council Synod Office MINUTES

January 28, 2016
3:30 pm (TELECONFERENCE)

Present: Synod Office: Sandra Craft (Lay Vice-Chair), Irene Adams, Bob LeBlanc, Bonnie LeBlanc
Via Teleconference: David Barrett, David Bell, Gil Carter, Geoffrey Hall, Cathy Laskey, Dylan Nicoll, Neville Sloane, Allen Tapley (joined at 4:00pm)

Regrets: David Edwards

Call to Order: Called to order at 3:35 by the Chair

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc

Update on situation with Safe Harbour:

MOTION: Moved by Bob LeBlanc, seconded by Cathy Laskey that the discussion take place in camera: **Carried**

MOTION: Moved by Neville Sloane, seconded by Bonnie LeBlanc that the in camera session cease. **Carried**

MOTION: Moved by Neville Sloane, seconded by Bob LeBlanc, that the Diocese of Fredericton be prepared to negotiate a guarantee and backed by a mortgage, in an amount up to \$550K CDN to allow Safe Harbour Youth Transitions to secure a commercial loan for the purpose of repayment of outstanding amounts due to the building contractor in order to remove the lien currently placed on the property.

Discussion: The provision of a loan guarantee to Safe Harbour should be contingent on operating funds being made available, but there was a “catch-22 situation: until the lien on the building was removed, Safe Harbour could not gain access to other funds to assist in the operational needs of the Shelter. The purpose in providing a loan guarantee would be to provide a respite period to allow Safe Harbour to go forward and provide for the youth affected. It was noted that it was important to “give our Bishop the tool he needs to help Safe Harbour get on with their operations.”

Note: Geoffrey Hall had to leave the meeting at this point.

The Chancellor, David Bell, proposed an amendment to the original motion.

MOTION: Moved by David Bell, and seconded by Cathy Laskey, that the Diocese of Fredericton be prepared to negotiate a guarantee, **provided that stable operating funding is in place**, and backed by a mortgage, in an amount up to \$550K CDN to allow Safe Harbour Youth Transitions to secure a commercial loan for the purpose of repayment of outstanding amounts due to the building contractor in order to remove the lien currently placed on the property. **Carried**

Mover, Neville Sloane, and seconder, Bob Leblanc, agreed that the original motion would be removed from the table and rescinded.

Closing Remarks: The Chair thanked attendees for the discussion on this very important issue and reminded members of the restrictions regarding the in camera discussion. Her final remark was that it was hoped that the decision of the Executive Committee would result in the youth continuing to have a safe place to go – a Safe Harbour.

Closing Prayer: The Rev. Canon David Barrett

Adjournment: Move to adjourn by Bob Leblanc at 4:20 pm