

DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Minutes

March 17, 2022 – electronically via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.

Present

Rev. Nick Trussell	John de Haan	Toby Ramsden
David Heritage	Lynne Reckhow	Ven. Sue Oliver
Sheila MacKay	Rev. Danielle Key	Very Rev. Alex Meek
Rt. Rev. Stephen London	Rev. John Gee	Rev. Colleen Sanderson
Ven. Lee Bezanson	Ven. Travis Enright	Rev. Cheryl Boulet

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bishop Steve welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Regrets

Regrets had been received from the Ven. Jordan Ware, the Ven. Richard King, Lois MacLean, Brian Jolly, Rita Stagman, and Mary Lou Cleveland

3. Consent Resolution

- a. Adoption of Agenda**
- b. Minutes of January 20, 2022**
- c. Electronic Resolutions**

Moved by: Lee Bezanson **Resolution # EC 06-22**
 Seconded by: Danielle Key **To adopt the consent resolution**
 That the minutes of November 18, 2021 and the agenda for today’s meeting be accepted and that the electronic approval of Resolutions EC 04-22 and 05-22 be minuted.
 Carried.

Moved by: John Gee **Resolution # EC 04-22**
 Seconded by: Stephen London **To approve the sale of property**
 That the sale of the church building of St. John the Baptist, St. Paul be approved.
 Carried.

Moved by: John Gee **Resolution # EC 05-22**
 Seconded by: Stephen London **To approve the sale of property**
 That the sale of the rectory of St. Mary, Edgerton be approved.
 Carried.

4. Bishop’s Report

The Bishop has now given permission to parishes to lift most COVID-19 restrictions. This process is generally going well. The deadline for submission of parish documents was March 15 and they have been coming in. The Bishop has been reviewing them and

is generally encouraged by the contents. Good conversations have been happening about reconfiguring ministry in the Diocese.

Preparations have started for the diocesan Synod to be held in October with the theme “Together on the Way”. In preparation for Synod, a discussion paper will be issued at Pentecost in June. Prayers for Ukraine will be held at the Cathedral and Christ Church tomorrow. Provincial Synod will be held in April; the Archbishop of Canterbury will attend in furtherance of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. General Synod has been postponed to 2023.

There is a renewed commitment to safety in our Diocese in light of the ACCtoo campaign as well as insurance concerns. Several parishes are in the process of searching for new clergy. Negotiations have been underway to donate the church building and property in Viking to the local historical society, pending approval by Executive Council. The Bishop will be resuming travel in April with a busy schedule through the summer. He noted the passing of retired priest Alan Bonertz.

The Bishop wishes to change the regularly scheduled Executive Council of the meeting to the last Thursday of the month, in order to allow more time after the Administration and Finance Committee meeting. There was no opposition to this change. An extra meeting will be held in June to prepare for Synod, and the final meeting of this Executive Council will be in September.

5. Anglican Foundation Grant Proposals

a. All Saints’ Cathedral (Alex Meek)

The Cathedral wishes to replace the windows in the chapel before new stained glass (donated) is installed over the plain glass. The total cost of replacement will be approximately \$50,000.

Moved by: Alex Meek

Resolution # EC 07-22

Seconded by: Travis Enright

To approve AFC application

That the application of All Saints’ Cathedral to the Anglican Foundation for a grant of \$15,000 be approved.

Carried.

b. St. Luke’s (Nick Trussell)

St. Luke’s will require funds from multiple sources for structural repairs as well as other renovations.

Moved by: Nick Trussell

Resolution # EC 08-22

Seconded by: John de Haan

To approve AFC application

That the application of St. Luke’s, Edmonton to the Anglican Foundation for a grant of \$15,000 be approved.

Carried.

6. Administration and Finance Committee Report (Toby Ramsden)

a. St. Luke’s Historical Designation

Lois has now spoken to the City regarding the proposed designation. There is a new form of agreement, even more draconian than the old one. The City could order repairs

on short notice and sue us if they are not carried out. Lois is recommending against signing the agreement, but the final decision is up to Executive Council and will be made at the May meeting. In the meantime, the DDF Committee has been asked to explore other funding options. It was noted that St. George's has a designation and has not had problems with the City, and that we do have obligations to maintain our properties, even absent historical designation.

b. Treasurer's Report (John Gee)

John presented the interim financial statements to February 28. He noted that monthly statements are presented to the Administration and Finance Committee and, while Executive Council has a fiduciary responsibility to monitor the Diocese's finances, it is not necessary to duplicate the work done by A&F. Our financial position is satisfactory up to this point in the year. The reviewed 2021 statements will be presented to Executive Council at its May meeting.

7. Adjournment and Closing Prayer (Bishop Steve)

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Date of next meeting: May 26, 2022 via Zoom