

Diocese of Rupert's Land
Executive Committee

Minutes

January 18, 2022
Zoom

Present = Y Regrets = R Absent = A (*) = *ex officio* (a) = *appointed*

Y	Blaikie, Exec. Arch. Simon	Y	Rampton, The Rev. Andrew
Y	Ford, The Rev. Brian	Y	Ripley, Chancellor Jim
A	Holbrook, The Rev Helen	R	Routley, Mrs. Sharon*
Y	Johnson, The Very Rev. Paul*	Y	Russell, Mr. Gary
Y	Labdon, The Ven. Dave*	A	Valenceria, Joy
Y	Lampman, The Rev. Paul	R	Vezina, Marcella
Y	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey*	Y	Solomon, The Rev. Vince,
Y	Manzongo, The Ven. Naboth	Y	Woodcroft, The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey*
Y	Pilbeam, Richard		

1. Call to Order - 1:35pm

Recognition of Land – Simon Blaikie

We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1, 2 and 3 land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Sioux and Oji-Cree people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are thankful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality, which allows us to live, work, raise our family and serve God the Creator here

Opening prayer – Simon Blaikie

Regrets

2. Approval of the agenda

Moved by Jim Ripley, Seconded by Brian Ford

3. Approval of Minutes from 21st September 2021

Dave Labdon attended the last meeting

Amended minutes moved by Jim Ripley, Seconded by Andrew Rampton

4. Business Arising from September 21st, 2021 meeting

None

5. December 2021 E-Vote

Motion: Blaikie /Woodcroft Be it resolved that \$10,530.49 from the funds from the sale of St. Thomas be transferred to the parish St. Andrew's, St. Andrew pursuant to the attached request.

Motion Passed by unanimous e-vote.

6. Update on 240 Tache Ave.

The building that used to house St. Phillips congregation is up for sale, there has been a new offer placed on the building, we countered and now they have 3 months due diligence. Simon states he is "fairly confident the building will sell and the building will remain as it is. The purchaser has the intent to keep the outside intact (including the war memorial) and to put condominiums and rental units inside, with an aim to repurpose any stained glass or architectural details. The intent is to keep the building as close to original as possible.

7. Discussion on recent Diocesan Council meeting with ACC Strategic Planning Team.

Bishop Geoff started with a brief explanation of the strategic plan with the National church and why it's an important conversation to have. He mentioned the five focus points and asked how everyone else felt about the meeting.

- invites and deepens life in Christ

- is intentionally post-colonial and passionately inclusive
- embraces mutual interdependence with the Indigenous church (Sacred Circle)
- stewards God's creation and attends to the well-being of humankind
- lives in relationship with each other in local, diocesan, national and global communities

There was a consensus that the meeting was managed well. Everyone was able to express their ideas and felt heard. Andrew Rampton – Didn't love the written language on the handouts but appreciated the conversation. The way they framed the conversation was intelligently done, in that, it promoted discussion on healthy things we are doing or could be doing, rather than the negative.

There was some discussion on what the national church is and what they can do for us. The "say yes to kids" grant was great in that it had lots of great feedback on the issues of stewardship. Ministry development will be very important going forward but we need discipleship that can be supported.

Mawejji believes giving time to discuss these things is life giving and Geoff is filled with gratitude for the possibilities for the years to come.

8. Update on the new Diocesan website

The Diocese website is up and running and being maintained by Melissa Nixon.

Reminder that any parishes that want to join the tithe.ly website, the Diocese is offering to pay the monthly fee for the first year, pay half the monthly fee the 2nd year and nothing in the 3rd year. This would be a great opportunity for some parishes.

Holy Trinity website is now up. Andrew Rampton explained the ease of setting it up and how it is designed for people who run churches not people who build websites. Very user friendly with relatively prompt support. The give function is how they make the most of their money. 3% of funds from all credit card donations. Andrew explained that an unforeseen positive has been for live streaming, where parishioners can go to the website and click "watch now" and it will pull in whatever stream you are using, YouTube, Facebook live, vimeo.

9. Member's Reflections

Prayers for people – 4-5

- Please pray for Jim Dugan and his Wife Mary. Jim is fighting cancer and while it has not spread to his bones, his fight continues.
- Please pray for Marcella Vezina and her family. Their son, Norm Vezina passed away on January 11th, 2022 after a well fought battle with Cancer. There was a celebration of life on January 14th, 2022 and there will be a committal in Summer of 2022
- Please pray for strength for Geoff Dean as he is home now after a close brush with sepsis.
- Mawejji asks that we pray for Don Forfar, who passed away Jan 5th, 2022 and his mother Ellen, who has buried her first child at 90 years old.
- Paul Johnson wanted to send Congrats and well wishes to Bishop Elect Helen Kennedy.

10. Bishop's Reflections – "I pray for you all every day and I still will"

11. Adjournment – Paul Lampman lead us in a closing prayer.