

Diocese of Rupert's Land
Executive Committee

Minutes

March 15, 2022
Zoom

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

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| Y | Blaikie, Exec. Arch. Simon* | Y | Ripley, Chancellor Jim |
| Y | Ford, The Rev. Brian | Y | Routley, Mrs. Sharon* |
| Y | Holbrook, The Rev Helen | Y | Russell, Mr. Gary |
| R | Johnson, The Very Rev. Paul* | A | Vezina, Marcella |
| R | Labdon, The Ven. Dave* | Y | Woodcroft, The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey* |
| A | Lampman, The Rev. Paul | | Staff (Present not voting) |
| Y | Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey* | Y | Solomon, The Rev. Vince, |
| Y | Manzongo, The Ven. Naboth | Y | Nixon, Melissa |
| A | Pilbeam, Richard | Y | Valencerina, Joy |
| Y | Rampton, The Rev. Andrew | | |

1. Call to Order -1:30 pm

Recognition of Land – Read by A. Rampton

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 and serve God the Creator here.

Opening prayer – Read by A. Rampton

Regrets – Read by S. Blaikie

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved.

*Moved by A. Rampton, Seconded by N. Manzongo **Carried***

3. Approval of Minutes from 18 January 2021

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting minutes from 18 January 2022 of the Executive Committee be approved.

*Moved by G. Woodcroft, Seconded by G. Mawejje **Carried***

4. Business Arising from February 15th, 2022 meeting

None

5. Finance Committee Report and Motions

J. Valencerina submitted the budget for 2022.

Distribution of Income from the “new church development fund” is now be included in the operating budget of the Diocese to reduce the deficit. The budget projects an \$118,000 deficit for 2022.

G. Woodcroft expressed his gratitude to J. Valencerina for the immensity of the job that she is working on now, as well as the surprise payroll audit.

Motion: Be it resolved that Executive Committee commends Diocesan Council the approval of the 2022 budget

*S. Routley **Carried***

6. Youth Ministry Financial Support

S. Blaikie presented. We have approximately \$18,000 available to youth this year, as well as approximately \$60,000 forward from previous years.

Youth Ministry coordinator was Helen Kennedy and currently the position is vacant.

Discussion for Youth Ministry Grant application form attached in the Agenda packet.

This form is a work in progress. This form is for parishes that wish to access the funds of the diocese.

Section 4, paragraph 4 reads “Please note that all applicants must be in good standing with respect to their contributions to the Common Mission and Ministry (CM+M) of our Diocese”. After a discussion it was determined that this section would remain on the application but would indicate that it would become effective January 1st, 2023.

7. Member’s Reflections

- This year the Sacred Circle has been cancelled. We are still working on “our way of life, a covenant” <https://www.anglican.ca/news/sacred-circles-living-documents-now-available/30038661/>
- Area consultation on Zoom, on May 7th from 1-4pm, all indigenous Anglican’s are welcome.
- <https://www.anglican.ca/im/introgbd/> link shared by G. Woodcroft
- S. Routley – How do we fit all the internally regulated funds onto one piece of paper? I’ve been giving this a lot of thought, and every time we make a bunch of regulations about funds coming in and having to allocate them in a little bit different of a way. It creates more work for our director of finance, it makes things more complicated in terms of following all the rules involved. We do have a budget so we can make sure we are spending money the way we want it to be spent. We should not, in my opinion, always be relying on segregated internally regulated funds.
- G. Russell – Share his experience of workshops “walk with us”, through the Anglican Franciscan third order. We are talking about possibly taking this regionally and we may start something here

8. Bishop’s Reflections –

- I beg your prayers for Gwen McAllister, and her son Keith, they have Covid and have been very sick for a week already.
- Past few months have been difficult in relation to the HR situations. Meeting minutes paused for closed discussion.
- Since the last diocesan Council where we started a Diocesan conversation about the Ministry developer position. Since that moment I have been dreaming about what we can do in Diocesan conversation I believe the conversation is bigger than the hiring of a person. But rather what do we need, and what is god saying about what we need and are we going to risk to do this? I’ve asked the chair of council and executive to help me figure out a structure to move into conversation ASAP, especially if we want to get it before Synod 2022

9. Diocesan Council Agenda

These are not items that need to be resolved at Diocesan council but I am hoping we can start some working groups and discussion around these topics, specifically with Synod 2022 coming up.

- a. Common Mission and Ministry Re-Development – It is broken and we need to fix it. At present over 60% of parishes do not contribute their fair share. The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that a working group be established to develop a new approach/strategy for our diocese and present it to Diocesan Council in September in the hope of motions going forward to Diocesan Synod 2022.
- b. The Executive Committee recommends that the Diocesan Council establish a working group to consult with the diocese in determine the possible staffing of a ministry that included some responsibilities of the form Ministry Developer but not limited to those responsibilities. That this group look to our future in the context of the National Church’s Strategic plan and explore how we might work with and in support of this plan. The hope is that the working group will report to Diocesan Council in September.
- c. Sale of Property – A general discussion on the nature of parish property ownership occurred for the purpose of determining how the Diocesan Council can establish criteria for access by

parishes to the principal from property they have sold. The recommendation of Executive Committee is that a working group be established to develop these criteria and report back to Diocesan Council.

10. Adjournment

Motion: for adjournment

Moved by G. Mawejii

The Rt. Rev Geoffrey Woodcroft led us in a prayer.