

**Minutes – Diocesan Council (via Zoom)
Saturday, January 28, 2023 – 9:30 AM**

Present = P

Regrets = R

Absent = A

Ex-officio = (*)

Appointed = (a)

Present, but arrived late or left early = (P*)

P	Abra, Dr. Allison (*)	P	Manzongo, The Ven. Naboth *
R	Aitken, Mary	P	McGillivray, Ben
P	Akinwale, The Rev. Wilson	P	McIntosh, The Rev. Wayne
P	Blaikie, The Ven. Simon – Executive Archdeacon*	P	Panting, The Rev. Deacon Diane
P	Bonnett, Elizabeth	P	Pilbeam, Richard
P	Bowman, The Rev. Deacon Matthew	P	Rampton, The Rev. Andrew
P	Brown, Eva	R	Ripley, Mr. Jim – Chancellor *
P	Buxton, Debbie	P	Robinson, The Rev. Theo
R	Cummings, Lucy	P	Roe- Finlay, The Rev. Deacon Susan
P	Dolloff, The Rev. John	P	Routley, Sharon – Diocesan Treasurer
P	Dorrian, Colin	P	Russell, Canon Gary
	Doyle, The Hon. Justice Robert - Vice Chancellor	P	Smandych, The Rev. Deacon R. Susan
P*	Johnson, The Very Rev. Paul *	P	Woodcroft, The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey *
R	Labdon, The Ven. Dave *		
P	Lampman, The Ven. Paul*		<i>Staff and non-voting members</i>
R	Larson, Barbara	P	Ford, B. – Guest presenter
	MacDonald, The Rev. Deacon Lynn	P	Nixon, Melissa – Office Coordinator
R	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey *	P	Valencerina, Joy - Director of Finance
R	Mawejje, June Rachel	P	Wedlake, Robert * - Secretary of Synod

1. **Welcome**- Meeting begun at 9:30am. Land acknowledgment read by G. Woodcroft
2. **Opening Prayer** - Prayer and Examen lead by A. Rampton
3. **Regrets** - Regrets read by A. Rampton and M. Nixon
4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council approve the revised agenda, with additions under item 8. G. Woodcroft / R. Pilbeam **Carried**

5. Review of Meeting Processes

Brief review of meeting processes

Motion: Be it resolved that the director of finance, J. Valencerina, have the ability to speak and present but not vote. P. Lampman / W. McIntosh **Carried**

6. Receipt of Minutes of Executive Committee December minutes

Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes from the December 2022 meeting of the Executive Council be received. R. Pilbeam / M. Bowman **Carried**

7. Approval of Minutes of 26 November 2022 Meeting

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council approve the minutes of the November 26, 2022 Diocesan council meeting, with honorifics and grammatical corrections

M. Bowman / B. McGillivary **Carried**

8. Business arising from minutes –

a. Empty seats from 118th session of Synod

Board on Canons and Rules on Order – The Rev. Deacon Matthew Bowman

Diocesan Court – The Rev. Judith Whitmore

Diocesan Council Laity (out of town) – Linda Daher

b. Common Ministry & Mission

G. Russell presented the report of the Common Ministry and Mission report. Discussion ensued

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council refer this report to Executive Committee

P. Johnson / G. Russell **Carried**

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council move a motion of thanks to the CM&M Working Group, including G. Russell, B. Larson, J. Markstrom, B. Pope, and I. Hope, from Diocesan council.

M. Bowman / E. Brown **Carried**

c. St. Thomas, Weston

W. Akinwale has been working on the Narrative budget but has been unavailable to meet with E. Brown. They plan to present at the next meeting.

Motion: Be it resolved that the presentation for St. Thomas Weston be tabled until next Diocesan council meeting.

M. Bowman / E. Brown **Carried**

*B. Ford joined the meeting at 10am

9. Diocesan Developer Position

D. Labdon is the chair of this working group, but with him on sabbatical, A. Abra, B. Ford and D. Panting presented the next step of their work, which is the attached job description.

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council endorse the draft December 2022 job description for the Diocesan Discipleship Developer role as prepared by the Ministry Development Working Group based on the research, review and understanding of the requirements of the Diocese and that Diocesan Council recommend to the Bishop that the related search process for a Diocesan Discipleship Developer begin.

A. Abra / P. Lampman **Carried**

5 Abstention (P. Johnson, S. Smandych, B. McGillivary, G. Woodcroft, W. Akinwale)

1 Against (S. Blaikie)

S. Blaikie raised concerns about the needs of the diocese having changed since the work on this initiative began and whether moving forward to hire someone, when we are still unsure what our

diocese needs, is fiscally responsible. He presented what some other dioceses are doing in relation to disciple formation and suggests that we pause in our search and rethink this. Do we hire someone to start a school, do we link up with neighbouring diocese(s), and other Christian based institutions. As our financial resources are limited, do we think this is the best use of our remaining resources?

Abra – “The working group never felt like it was their mandate to determine the path forward but to determine if there was still a need, what some of those needs were, and figuring out what it would look like to hire someone to develop this strategy rather than developing the strategy in and of itself.

St. John’s college contributed to the previous position when Heather McCance was in the position for the amount of \$17,000 per year. These funds came from a general theology budget and when the position is empty, we do not receive the funds.

G. Woodcroft points out that there are four candidates for priestly ministry who will be looking for full time stipendiary positions in the near future, but we have no vacancies. We have the gifts for ministry at hand but we do not know how to utilize, organize and make those gifts accessible to every church person.

Motion: Be it resolved that thanks be given to the Ministry Development Working Group, including D. Labdon, A. Abra, D. Panting and B. Ford

M. Bowman / S. Smandych **Carried**

*P. Johnson joined the meeting at 10:50am *R. Pilbeam left at 11:00am

10. Motion: PWRDF

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council allocate \$2000 of Diocesan budget to the PWRDF Diocesan Committee for the purposes of hosting events/activities within the Diocese and increasing parish engagement in PWRDF. Receipts for any expenses incurred by members of the PWRDF Diocesan Committee or by parishes hosting events/activities would be submitted to the Synod Office (Finance Team) for reimbursement.

S. Smandych / Colin Dorrian **Carried**

11. Motion: Diocesan Investments

Motion: Be it resolved that the Executive Committee, based on the recommendation of the finance committee and the Investment Committee, recommends to diocesan council that the funds of the Diocese and certain parishes currently managed by Integra Capital Ltd (ICL) be transferred effective March 28, 2023 to Royal Bank of Canada’s Phillips Hager & North (RBC-PH&N) which manages the National Pension Office Plan of the Anglican Church’s investments.

S. Blaikie (on behalf of the Executive Committee) **Carried**

*A. Abra left at 12:15

12. Motion re: Anti black racism committee

Be it resolved that Diocesan Council allocate \$5000 of Diocesan budget to the Black Anglicans Dismantling Anti Black Racism Committee for the purposes of hosting events/activities within and/or outside the Diocese and increasing parish engagements in the Black Anglicans activities. This modest budget is anticipated to be supplemented by fundraising by this Committee for Dismantling Anti-Black Racism. Receipts for any expenses incurred by members of the Black Anglicans Committee or by parishes hosting events/activities would be submitted to the Synod Office (Finance Team) for reimbursement. W. Akinwale / S. Smandych **Carried**
1 abstention (G. Woodcroft)

Motion: Be it resolved that the Diocesan council meeting will continue until 1pm.

B. McGillivray / S. Blaikie **Carried**

3 Objections (G. Woodcroft, S. Roe-Finlay, S. Smandych)

**G. Woodcroft, S. Smandych, B. McGillivray left at 12:30*

13. Finance report, budget deadlines and parish statements

S. Routley presented the Nov 2022 finance report.

Motion: Be it resolved that Diocesan Council receive the finance report, attached.

S. Routley on behalf of the Finance Committee **Carried**

14. St. Chad fund request

Motion: Be it resolved that the Parish of St. Chad be permitted to use up to \$12K for the purpose of designing, building and installing a Stained Glass window in their new home in St. Andrew, Woodhaven, from the principal currently invested with the Diocese from their divestment of their interest in the Assiniboine Christian Centre.

S. Blaikie / P. Johnson **Carried**

15. Bishop's Updates

No updates at this time

16. Member concerns / Other Business

W. Akinwale wanted to thank this council and members of the Diocese of Rupert's Land in their acceptance and support of the Black Anglicans. February 28th, for the blessing of the oils at the Cathedral of St. John's

17. Adjournment

A, Rampton adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm